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The Nordic Combined World Cup soon in Chaux-Neuve!

The countdown has begun – on January 16th and 17th, the Nordic Combined World Cup will make a stop in the little village of Chaux-Neuve (Department Doubs), situated right in the heart of the region Franche-Comté where the spirit for the Nordic disciplines is lived the whole year round.

Just some ten days before the event, the preparations are in full run and the list with the participating athletes grows longer and longer every day. The world elite of Nordic Combined has announced its coming and together with Jason Lamy Chappuis, himself a child of the Jura and the actual leader of the overall World Cup, they will fight for World Cup points and the qualification for the Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver just a month after the World Cup in Chaux-Neuve.

The Nordic Combined „crème de la crème“ in Chaux-Neuve

Coming from not far from Chaux-Neuve, from the little village of Bois d'Amont, Jason Lamy Chappuis will undoubtedly be the star of this Home-World Cup of the French team. With six podium places of which were 4 victories, he is definitely the man to look for right now. „Flying Jason“ is leading the overall World Cup ranking with 597 points right now, 157 points ahead of Tino Edelmann of Germany who places second and Felix Gottwald of Austria, the actual third of the overall ranking (standing after the World Cup in Oberhof, GER). All in all a comfortable lead concerning a possible victory in the overall World Cup, however the young man from Bois d'Amont has another goal for this season: a medal at the Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver (CAN)! On the road there, the World Cup in front of the home crowd plays a vital role. Last year, Jason could come up with a 8th and a 4th place – no doubt that he aims higher this year! Besides Jason, also all the other members of the French National Team are at the start and will try to ensure their ticket for the Games with good results. To the ones fighting for a ticket belong Sébastien Lacroix, who starts like Jason for the Ski Club Bois d'Amont, Francois Braud, born in the Jura but grown up in Chamonix, the Haute-Savoys Jonathan Félixaz, Maxime Laheurte from the Vosges and the young Nicolas Martin (Les Contamines) who celebrated his first „real“ World Cup start - apart from his appearance at the World Cup in Chaux-Neuve last year at the World Cup - in Oberhof (GER). All in all, there are four tickets and one extra one for a substitute.

Also each day, more and more entries from foreign starters are coming in and the list is growing longer and longer. The start of the Austrians Felix Gottwald and Mario Stecher as well as the one of Magnus Moan and Petter Tande (both NOR) and of the German Armada with Tino Edelmann, Eric Frenzel and Ronny Ackermann is already confirmed. The exact list of participants will be known in the upcoming days. Like for the French Team, Chaux-Neuve is also for all other nations the last possibility to qualify for the Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver.

Perfect installations

For the first time in history of the jumping hills at the Côté Feuillée, one of them will show off with an icy inrun track which is supported by a special cooling system. The HS 100 received the new track, which is already been used at the hills in Garmisch-Partenkirchen (GER) and Trondheim (NOR), last November. The track, which is called „Skiline“, was invented by the German Peter Riedel who developed it together with the company Rehau. Through this special cooling system, the icy inrun track has constantly the same temperature which allows to have perfect and equal conditions for every athlete – an absolute must if wanting to have a fair competition. In total, the new installation combines of two different tracks – one for summer use and the one with the cooling system integrated, for winter use. Apart from the perfectly prepared jumping hill, 2km of outstanding prepared skiing track, which has to be skied 5 times during the race, will await the athletes.

The preparations 10 days before the World Cup

Thanks to a cold weather front, the artificial snow production is on high. Even though some snow falls are announced at the beginning of next week, the organisers don't want to take any chances and will produce more snow whenever possible in order to prepare the HS 100 jumping hill as well as the 2km cross country track as best as possible. The skiing track, which awaits the athletes as a 2km round which has to be skied 5 times during the competition, is already partially prepared. A stock of 1500m³ has been put in place Wednesday at the stadium area. Each night, more snow will be produced and so the cross country track will be constantly growing to its normal size and will be perfectly prepared by the end of the week. The official FIS snow control will take place on Friday, 8th.

Press conference with the French National Nordic Combined Team:

On Friday, 15th January, a press conference with the French National Nordic Combined Team is scheduled after the jumping and cross country ski training at 3pm in the press centre. The press centre is situated just opposite the start- and finish area (ex waxing cabins). The accreditation must be obtained before at the accreditation office which is situated at the stadium entrance.

Opening hours of the press centre :

Friday, 15th January : 8am – 7pm
Saturday, 16th January : 9am – 7pm
Sunday, 17th January : 8.30am - 7pm

Programme :

Friday, 15th January :

9.30am : official jump training (HS 100) – 2 jumps
11.30am : provisional competition round (HS 100)
1pm: official cross country ski training at the track le Lernier (5 x 2km)
6pm : Team Captains meeting

Saturday, 16th January :

10.45am : trial round (HS 100)
11.45am : competition round (HS 100)
2.45pm : 10km cross country race on the track le Lernier (5x2km)
straight after: prize giving ceremony
6pm : Team Captains meeting

*from 7.30pm on in the bis tent : Beer party & „Choucroute“. concert with the band « The Gomm's »
(tickets are needed for this evening event. More info under : <http://chauxneuve2009en.canalblog.com>)*

Sunday, 17th January :

10am : trial round (HS 100)
11am : competition round (HS 100)
from 11 am on : Music in the big tent with « Rudi's Oberkrainern » from Slovenia
2pm : 10km cross country race on the track le Lernier (5x2km)
straight after: prize giving ceremony

Access :

Chaux Neuve / Doubs / Jura

The closest train stations : Frasné (FRA) 20 min & Vallorbe (SUI) 35 min.

airport : Geneva (SUI) ca. 80 km.

Accreditation form :

On demand under : contact@agence-op.fr

or under the page of the World Cup : <http://chauxneuve2009de.canalblog.com>

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