



ALBERTA SKI JUMPING  
& NORDIC COMBINED



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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**WORLD CUP SEASON OPENER FOR CANADIAN NORDIC COMBINED SKIER WES SAVILL**

KUUSAMO, FINLAND. — Canada's Wes Savill started the 2009-10 World Cup season this weekend with a 43rd place finish on Saturday and a 48<sup>th</sup> position on Sunday (he jumped into 52<sup>nd</sup> place and passed 13 skiers to finish with the 38<sup>th</sup> fastest time).

Savill, a comparative newcomer to the World Cup circuit was pleased with his showing yesterday. "I put down the best jump all winter when it counted on Saturday. I put myself in a good position to ski and made the most of it. All in all a really good day to start the season and I am really excited to see how the rest of the season goes."

Jason Myslicki, Nordic Combined Ski Canada's top senior athlete, will be joining Savill in December for World Cup events before a Christmas break in the schedule. Myslicki is currently training with other National team athletes in Park City. Canada's junior skiers are preparing for Period 1 in the Continental Cup with events in Park City and Lake Placid.

Sunday's top three:

1.	Hannu Manninen (FIN)	132.2 points (10)/24:37.17min (3)	
2.	Tino Edelmann (GER)	129.6 points (13)/24:28.9 min (2)	+1.2
3.	Eric Frenzel (GER)	144.9 points (2)/25:32.3 min (18)	+3.6
49.	Wes Savill (CAN)	86.8 points (52)/26:51.4 min (38)	+5:15.7

Full results: <http://www.fis-ski.com/pdf/2010/NK/4102/2010NK4102ROF.pdf>

Saturday's top three

1.	Jason Lamy Chappuis (FRA)	149.9 points (1)/27:05.0 min (27)	
2.	Hannu Manninen (FIN)	126.4 points (14)/25:39.1 min (3)	+8.1
3.	Eric Frenzel (GER)	142.5 points (2)/26:45.6 min (17)	+10.6
43.	Wes Savill (CAN)	100.8 points (40)/27:50.3 min (42)	+4:01.3

Full results: <http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/610.html?sector=NK&raceid=1351>

**Next week's World Cup** events have been moved to Lillehammer, Norway.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Art Gorham, Nordic Combined Ski Canada Mobile: 403.560.8191

## Canadian National Ski Jumping Development Team



- Left to right, Gregor Linsig, Assistant Coach, Matthew Rowley, Stefan Read, Mackenzie Boyd-Clowes, Yukon deLeeuw, Trevor Morrice, Eric Mitchell and coach Ted Bafia.
- Stefan Read and Mackenzie Boyd-Clowes and coach Ted Bafia are in Europe for World Cup Competitions in Lillehammer, NOR, Harrachov CZE (may be cancelled because of weather conditions) and Engelberg SUI returning December 21.
- Eric Mitchell and coach Gregor Linsig are travelling to the Continental Cup Competitions in Rovaniemi FIN, Vikersund NOR and Otepá EST.
- Trevor Morrice and Yukon deLeeuw are travelling with coach Clint Jones to Strbske Pleso SVK, home of Maria Mayer, Notadden NOR and possibly Otepá EST.

## Decisions on Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Wind/Gate Rules

### **New rules only at selected events – from Berkutschi.com**

The new rules will come, but not for all ski jumping competitions of the upcoming season. The FIS Council in Zurich decided that on Saturday. After the positive experiences with the tests of the changing of the inrun length and the wind-factor during the FIS Sommer Grand Prix 2009, the new rule will also be tested in the Olympic winter.

At the FIS Team Tour from January 30th to February 7th (competitions in Oberstdorf, Klingenthal and Willingen), as well as at the Nordic Tournament from March 6th to March 14th (events in Lahti, Kuopio, Lillehammer, Oslo) the new rules will apply, at all other competitions of the season the old rules will be used. The wind factor as well as the possible changing of the inrun gate during a competition round (gate factor) will not apply then. "I'm very satisfied with this decision, it gives us the possibility to compare both systems during the winter", said FIS race-director Walter Hofer.

### **New rules apply for the whole season in nordic combined**

In opposite, the new rules concerning the changeable inrun gate and the wind factor will apply for the whole season. "In nordic combined we will use the new possibilities from the start. The upcoming season will deliver enough data and experiences, to serve as our basis for the next

years. The skijumping committee can submit proposals based on the analysis of the season to the FIS Council already in spring”, Hofer explains.

The FIS race-director can live with the elaborated compromise. Also the negative approach of the Austrians, who were the only association that voted against the new rules, was crucial. “There was a dissenting vote of a major association. That’s why the proposal of the FIS skijumping committee to the FIS council was not unanimous”, said Hofer. Whereas in the nordic combined there was a mutual consent, and that’s why the continuation of the new rules was decided.

### **A maximum of transparency for the spectator and fairness for the athlete**

With the new rules the wind gets calculable. It’ll be measured individually for every jumper. So at a total of ten ski jumping competitions, distance, style and the wind factor will decide over the winner. Tail- or head wind will be taken into account to rate a jump. With that, the FIS wants to provide more fairness at the wind-tossed hills. In addition the jury will be able to change the inrun gate without making a restart of the round necessary. That’s a positive aspect for the athletes, the fans and spectators on location.

To make everything that happens at the hill comprehensible for the spectators in front of the TV, the individual wind factor for every athlete will be displayed by a graphic.

[That's the gate factor](#)

[That's the wind factor](#)

<http://www.berkutschi.com/en/front/news/show/578-new-rules-only-at-selected-events>

### **LET WOMEN SKI JUMP!!! Elite athletes deserve to be in 2010 Olympics!**

- If you are on Facebook, join the group Let Women Ski Jump for articles and info about the ongoing fight.
- The following articles were taken from the site:

[LET WOMEN SKI JUMP!!! Elite athletes deserve to be in 2010 Olympics!](#)

"This case isn't just about women ski jumpers. It is about the interpretation and application of the Charter and whether the Vancouver Olympic Organizing Committee, in carrying out an ascribed activity of government, can be forced by a foreign entity to put a discriminatory decision into effect in Canada."

### **Katie and Meagan on 22 Minutes**

[22 Minutes - Video](#)

22minutes.com

Aired - November 17th, 2009 <http://22minutes.com/index.php?page=video#header>

[Lindsey Van & women ski jumpers ask Canadian Supreme Court for permission to appeal](#)

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**[Tell Olympic sponsors to take a stand on discrimination against women Petition](#)**

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Tell Olympic sponsors to take a stand on discrimination against women Petition, hosted at PetitionOnline.com

## Always wondered what it is like to fly?

- Check out Jessica Jerome flying with a webcam:
- GoPro Helmet cam Ski jumping, Park City 11/19/09  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZN1A3xxk\\_rk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZN1A3xxk_rk)

## Report from the Whistler Jumps

- December 1, 2009: “The jumps here are getting closer to ready. With the FIS requirement to use man-made snow we have pushed a lot of natural snow off of the hills already. It has been quite a precipitation roller-coaster with mega snow and rain the last few weeks and we have established a dense base. Now it looks like we will have good snowmaking weather in the next week or so to build up to a skiing surface. The in-runs are full of ice and ready for tracks to be cut. Clear, cold full moon nights are great for snowmaking and it will be clear and cold for the next week.
- “There is a lot of daily activity around the venue with various VANOC functions as well as contractors working at logistical and technical details.
- “We are looking forward to seeing jumpers out here during the New Years camp from Dec 28-Jan 3. Just a reminder to all that are coming for the camp that the venue is closed to the public and is regarded as a construction site so safety will have to be a priority.” Jon Servold, Ski Jump Operations Supervisor, Whistler Olympic Park, Nordic Centre
- Great photos from the ski jumps at Whistler Olympic Park taken December 1, 2009 by Jon Servold:



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