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Martin Schmitt becomes "Talent scout" of the DSV

Grand Prix. As part of a public press conference of the German Ski Association (DSV), representatives of German ski jumping gathered in the Adler Skistadion on Thursday.

In front of numerous spectators in the VIP tent, DSV press spokesman Ralph Eder, sports director Horst Hüttel, national coaches Stefan Horngacher and Andreas Bauer as well as sports manager and ex-ski jumper Martin Schmitt presented the latest innovations in the association.

Mens national coach Stefan Horngacher was optimistic after the FIS Grand Prix start in the Polish town of Wisla: "We are on the right path, we want to reach our peak performance by the winter," he said.

Andreas Bauer, national coach of the ladies, lost three quaters of his successful World Championship team of Seefeld, to three cruciate ligament tears. "We have made a virtue out of necessity and brought young athletes into the team with Selina Freitag and Pauline Hessler, who present themselves well so far."

Special news were announced by Horst Hüttel. He introduced Martin Schmitt as the DSV's new "talent scout". Schmitt, who has already supported young athletes during his active career, will be looking for special talents in the D- and C-squads in the future.

"I am pleased to pass on my knowledge and experience to future athletes and to give something back to the association that has done much for me," said Schmitt.

Andreas Wank will be also standing on the coaching tower for the DSV in the future. After his farewell jump on Saturday, the 31-year-old beats a coaching career to stay with the German ski jumping sport. "We look forward to the positive atmosphere and the great experience that Andi, as a former athlete, will bring to his coaching job," said Hüttel.

Kind regards

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