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Zigar Jelar wins qualification

Grand Prix. Ziga Jelar is the surprise man at the start of the Summer Grand Prix in Hinterzarten. The 21-year old Slovene scored the best in qualification for the individual competition on Saturday with 104 meters and left the Austrian record World Cup winner Gregor Schlierenzauer (102.5 m, 129.7 points) behind with a total of 130.7 points. The third place in the qualifying competition was won by World Cup bronze medal winner Killian Peier from Switzerland with 103.5 meters (129.1 points).

The spectators in the Adler Ski Stadium got a high class qualification. A gathering thunderstorm after mid-summer temperatures at noon caused athletes and those responsible no serious problems.

The German ski jumpers will represent their individual competition on Saturday evening in full team strength. Led by the Saxon Richard Freitag, who finished fourth with 101.5 meters, the team of new national coach Stefan Horngacher qualified for the first home competition of the summer. Besides Freitag, especially the two Bavarian Karl Geiger (6th) and World Champion Markus Eisenbichler (9th) convinced with there jumps. In addition, Stephan Leyhe (14th), Constantin Schmid (16th) and Martin Hamann (30th) will fight for important Grand Prix points tomorrow.

After their home win at the Wisla prelude, the Polish ski jumpers had to make a significant difference - only Maciej Kot managed to make it into the top ten as eighth. Strong, however, the two Japanese Naoki Nakamura (5th) and Yuken Iwasa (7). The Norwegian Marius Lindvik (9th) completed the top ten tied with Eisenbichler.

Kind regards

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