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## **Press Release**

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### **Jerome third in COC Germany tour marked by challenging start and end**

BRAUNLAGE, Germany – Visa Women's Ski Jumping Team members head home after a challenging Continental Cup tour in Germany that ended in heavy rain, fierce wind and several delays.

Jessica Jerome's solid jumping led her to a third-place finish on the five-competition tour. Jerome entered this weekend's two-event stop in Braunlage having notched three straight fourth-place finishes.

"The weather this weekend wasn't stellar. Our official training was pushed back a day due to rain and wind, and it was quite a feat on the organizers' part to even host two comps on two days," said Jerome, who nabbed 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Saturday and Sunday in Braunlage. "I was happy to remain consistent in the past five comps, and I know that I can ski better than some of my individual results have been."

Lindsey Van, who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Hinterzarten, finished 7<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in Braunlage. Alissa Johnson posted her best result so far this winter season with a 9<sup>th</sup> on Sunday, and Abby Hughes continues to improve her jumps with 10<sup>th</sup>- and 12<sup>th</sup>- place finishes.

France's Coline Mattel won a double victory in Braunlage, besting the COC tour's overall leader, Austria's Daniela Iraschko.

"Coline's wins are more than deserved. She is jumping phenomenally," Jerome said.

The Germany COC tour started off with the unexpected and tragic death of Italian ski jumper Simona Senoner, who was just 17. She died suddenly Friday, Jan. 7 in Schonach, Germany, after feeling ill in her hotel room. Authorities have said she died as the result of a severe viral infection.

Senoner's death was a shock to her fellow jumpers and all the women jumpers wore armbands over their jumpsuits in her honor.

The Visa team now heads home to rest and train in Park City. The elite team will travel to Ramsau, Austria for two comps — provided there is sufficient snow — on Feb. 19-20 in preparation for the World Championships in Oslo, Norway on Feb. 25.

In the overall COC standings, Jerome is in third place with 598 points and Van is fourth with 519 points. The COC leader continues to be Iraschko with 1,000 points and Mattel is second with 740 points.

**OFFICIAL RESULTS**  
**Continental Cup**  
**Braunlage, Germany**  
**Normal Hill – HS100**

**Sunday, Jan. 16**

1. Coline Mattel, France, (86.5, 94.5), 234.0
2. Daniela Iraschko, Austria, (87.5, 93.5), 228.5
3. Melanie Faisst, Germany, (87.0, 85.5), 209.5
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6. Lindsey Van, Park City, UT, (81.0, 86.0), 199.0
8. Jessica Jerome, Park City, UT, (80.5, 84.), 192.5
9. Alissa Johnson, Park City, UT, (82.0, 81.5), 188.0
12. Abby Hughes, Park City, UT, (74.5, 82.0) 169.0

**Saturday, Jan. 15**

1. Coline Mattel, France (97.5, 96.5), 255.0
2. Daniela Irashcko, Austria (90.0, 86.5), 218.5
3. Jacqueline Seifriedsberger, Austria (87.5, 82.0), 204.5
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6. Jessica Jerome, Park City, UT (83.5, 83.5), 197.0
7. Lindsey Van, Park City, UT (78.5, 86.5), 194.0
10. Abby Hughes, Park City, UT (77.5, 77.5), 185.5
14. Alissa Johnson, Park City, UT, (71.5, 78.0), 155.0

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