

## **Women's Ski Jumping USA**

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### **Press Release**

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## **France's Mattel extends momentum at Junior Worlds; Visa jumpers prepare for Saturday's team event**

Jan. 27, 2011 — Coline Mattel, of France, won gold today at the FIS Nordic Junior World Championships in Otepaa, Estonia – continuing the momentum she's carried from recent back-to-back wins on the Continental Cup tour. Slovenia's Spela Rogelj captured silver and Japan's Yuki Ito nabbed bronze.

The Visa Women's Ski Jumping Team was led by Sarah Hendrickson in 18<sup>th</sup> place. Nita Englund was 28<sup>th</sup>, Avery Ardovino 37<sup>th</sup>, and Nina Lussi 38<sup>th</sup>.

More than 50 jumpers from 16 nations competed in the Junior Worlds individual event under the big lights as the competition was televised throughout Europe and streamed on the Internet. Seven out of the top 10 finishers were from different nations, reinforcing the continued universality of women's ski jumping.

Sixteen-year-old Hendrickson won bronze in the 2010 Junior Worlds and came into today's event having reached the podium four times this COC season, including a win this summer in Bischofsgrun, Germany. She placed second in Vikersund, Norway, in December. Her jumps of 86.5 meters and 84.5 meters weren't quite enough to put her near the podium in this competitive field.

Englund, who moved to Salt Lake City in 2010 to attend Westminster College and heighten her training in Park City, had a first-round jump of 83.5 meters and second jump of 76.5. She's consistently made the top 30 on COC comps this season.

Ardovino jumped 74.5 meters and Lussi jumped 73.5 meters in the first round and didn't make the top 30 for round two. Park City's Ardovino is back competing on the COC this season after a year-and-a-half off due to a knee injury. Lussi, from Lake Placid, N.Y, is attending high school in Austria where she's training and gaining international ski jumping experience.

Saturday, the Visa jumpers compete together in the first team event held at a Junior World Championships. The event starts at 5 p.m. in Estonia and will likely be streamed via live video at FromSport.com (<http://www.fromsport.com/>).

### **OFFICIAL RESULTS**

#### **2011 Junior World Ski Jumping Championships**

**Otepaa, Estonia**

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**Women's Individual Event**

1. Coline Mattel, France, (96.5, 98.5), 257.5 pts
2. Spela Rogelj, Slovenia, (96.5, 96.5), 254 pts
3. Yuki Ito, Japan, (93, 99), 252 pts

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18. Sarah Hendrickson, USA, (86.5, 84.5) 205 pts
28. Nita Englund, USA, (83.5, 76.5) 178 pts

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37. Avery Ardovino, USA, (74.5) 76.5 pts
38. Nina Lussa, USA, (73.5) 75 pts

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