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Van takes two podium spots; Jerome leads team in overall standings

FALUN, Sweden — Lindsey Van of the U.S. Women's Ski Jumping Team scored two podium finishes over the weekend in Continental Cup competition. Van was second on Saturday and third on Sunday, finishing ahead of teammate Jessica Jerome in third and fourth as American jumpers crowded the top five.

Austria's Daniela Iraschko remained red hot, winning both days and stretching her consecutive wins streak to six. She swept back-to-back events in Lillehammer, Oslo and Falun in September to seize the lead in the Continental Cup standings.

"Daniela is proving that she is on a whole other level than the rest of the field, but it's good for us to have something to reach for," said Alissa Johnson of the U.S. team, who cracked the top 10 both days in Falun, finishing eighth and seventh. "There were fewer competitors here in Sweden because a lot of the girls had to go back to school. Regardless, the vast majority of the top girls were here."

Abby Hughes finished 14th both days as all four U.S. jumpers made the top 15 on Falun's HS 98 hill.

Jerome has also put together a nice run with six straight top-five finishes, starting in Lillehammer. Jerome is the top American in the standings in sixth place, one spot ahead of Van, the reigning World Champion who finished on the podium in a Continental Cup event for the first time since March 2009. Van took nearly all of last season off from jumping and didn't compete on the Continental Cup.

"(Saturday), Lindsey pulled out two really good jumps and landed herself on the podium in second place. I think she was really excited to be back at the top again after some considerable time away from the sport," Johnson said. "Jessica also had another great day landing in third."

"(Saturday) was a really good day for the U.S. We woke up to heavy rain and wind, but the competition was fair considering how the weather was."

Johnson was upbeat about her jumping in Falun and is already looking ahead to the winter season. The Continental Cup now breaks for a few months before competition resumes – on snow – in early December.

"I know that it is just a matter of time until I am at the next level. As of right now I feel like I am in good condition for the winter," Johnson said. "I am looking forward to having a few days off from training and a little time away from the hill. I've spent six weeks in Europe this summer."

Iraschko leads the standings at the break with 600 points. Her teammate, Jacqueline

Seifriedsberger, sits second with 510. France's Coline Mattel is third with 503. Jerome has 315 points in sixth, followed by Van with 291. Hughes is 10th; Sarah Hendrickson, who didn't compete in the three September events, sits in 12th, and Johnson is in 14th.

Continental Cup

Falun, Sweden

Sept. 25, 2010

Women's Normal Hill HS98

1. Daniela Iraschko, Austria (97.0, 93.0) 244.5
2. Lindsey Van, Park City, UT (86.5, 94.5) 229.5
3. Jessica Jerome, Park City, UT (92.5, 87.5) 227.0
4. Melanie Faisst, Germany (93.5, 86.0) 224.0
5. Jacqueline Seifriedsberger, Austria (92.5, 84.5) 221.5
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8. Alissa Johnson, Park City, UT (82.5, 80.5) 187.0
14. Abby Hughes, Park City, UT (70.5, 78.5) 157.0

Sept. 26, 2010

Women's Normal Hill HS98

1. Daniela Iraschko, Austria, (102.0, 94.0) 258.0
2. Jacqueline Seifriedsberger, Austria (95.5, 95.5) 253.0
3. Lindsey Van, Park City, UT (91.5, 92.0) 235.5
4. Jessica Jerome, Park City, UT (86.5, 91.0) 222.0
5. Line Jahr, Norway (94.0, 83.0) 221.5
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7. Alissa Johnson, Park City, UT (84.0, 86.5) 206.5
14. Abby Hughes, Park City, UT (82.0, 77.5) 179.0

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