**TOUR DE SKI - 15 KM MASS START MEN**

**INTERVIEWS**

**Alex Poltoranin** – I’m very satisfied with my result. It is important for the general ranking. The second place at Tour de Ski is a new record for me and I’m very proud of myself. Tomorrow it won’t be my race, I don’t like the free technique and the final climb will be very tough for me. Nevertheless, I’m confident for tomorrow’s race because I’ve a good feeling with the Russian team and it could help me to do my best.

**Andrey Larkov** – Today’s race was quite ok, I had good materials. Maybe I started to sprint too late, I could have fought for the first place with Poltoranin but didn’t. in the final part of the race I discovered that Harvey and Cologna didn’t have good materials like mine and so I tried to pass them. This is my best result at Tour de Ski. I’m happy but at the same time I could have done better: if I had had a best result in Oberstdorf I would have had the chance to conquer a good place in the final ranking. Val di Fiemme is a very important appointment for our team because it always gives us a lot of satisfaction. The tracks are very hard and give us the opportunity to do our best. Last year’s winner was Ustiugov, today I’m on the podium. I’ll try to do my best on the final climb tomorrow, but I also wish my team-mates Ustiugov and Bolshunov to do a good race.

**Alex Harvey** – The track in Lago di Tesero is always very tough, a real challenge. Today’s race was very interesting. I hoped in a good result and I’m happy with my final result. I’m excited about tomorrow. I think I’ll start with a small gap from Ustiugov and Poltoranin and I hope to ski with them to see what happens on the final climb. Now I don’t feel in my best shape but I will try to work hard to do my best in the Olympic Games.