



## **Brendan Green shines in Oslo**

IBU World Cup 7: Oslo Holmenkollen, NOR

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Brendan must love Oslo! He managed to achieve his three top finishes in world competition here this weekend. Up until World Cup 7, his previous best was 14<sup>th</sup> place. With the King of Norway and Amy MacDonald in attendance, he placed 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Reaching the top 10 twice was an important milestone, achieved in a strong field of biathlon superstars.

Brendan was flawless in the range during in the 10 km Sprint, cleaning all targets and clocking a fast skiing time to finish the course in 9<sup>th</sup>. This provided Brendan with a strong position in the Pursuit race that followed. He got off to an awesome start by cleaning the first two sets of prone targets. Picking up two misses in the first set of standing targets dropped him out of podium contention. However, he fought hard to get the shooting under control, and cleaned the final standing set to claim 13<sup>th</sup> and qualify for a spot in the Mass Start for the first time this season.

In the Mass Start, Brendan's start position was near the back of the pack, but he gradually managed to thread his way into the top 12 in spite of 2 misses on the range. After cleaning his last set of standing targets, he stepped on the gas. Turning in the 5<sup>th</sup> fastest leg, he moved up two places, snatching one with a burst of speed right at the finish to claim the 10<sup>th</sup> spot.

Although Brendan was thrilled with his results, he had some challenges to face. He had come down with a sore throat and headache the morning of the Pursuit Race. Then as he took his start position, he realized the toe plug on his binding was missing. With no chance to change skis, he had to make the best of it, but was hampered by the lack of control throughout the race. Fortunately the final challenge did not occur until after his last race, when his back seized up and he had to seek medical attention. This has been a reoccurring problem since a herniated disc injury happened during summer training.

Providing Brendan is able to recover from his back trouble, his next events will be IBU Cup 6 and 7 at the Canmore Nordic Centre Feb.8-16, where the team will be training before returning to Europe and the World Championships in Ruhpolding, Germany.

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