

## The Road to Biathlon World Youth & Junior Championships 2011.

### Obertilliach 15-16<sup>th</sup> January 2011. Alpen Cup Sprint Race 2.

Race plan: Don't be a "Flukie Lukie" go out there and do it all again and faster!

With an air of confidence we prepared for race 2 of the Alpen Cup another 10km sprint. We knew some of the top Italians had departed for the World Cup camp but there were a few more names on the start list. With a Q time under his belt Dyllan could have sat back and cruised thru today's race. I put up the challenge to him. "If you really want cred...go out there and shoot just as well and ski faster...Don't be a flukie lukie!" We had a laugh over this and we agreed that he would give it his best shot and accept the outcome whatever it may be.

The snow was faster and I think that every competitor was out to beat their time from the day before. Again the race skis were running fast. The conditions were settled and there was little wind.

From the first racer off the start you could feel the excitement in the air and the bar was going to be raised today.

Could Dyllan shoot clean 2 days in a row??? He settled into the prone shoot. Hit, hit... but a split shot...it took so long to fall that Dyllan had hit the 3<sup>rd</sup> target down before he saw it was a hit. This spurred him on to have two more hits. Clean again!

The top guys were flying and Dyllan stuck with the pack coming out of the range. He was skiing so well but would he come into the range too cooked to shoot well?

Into the range for standing. OMG! Clean! 2 races and zero penalties! Dyllan took off so fast out of the range I didn't get the photo!

Out on the track he was being tailed by number 62. They switched positions as they went up the big hill but D was right behind him on the downhill. On the next hill Dyllan stuck with him and on the slight down he overtook him. Coming into the finish they were side by side. Dyllan stepped it up and beat him across the line in by half a ski length. A thrilling finish!

The official result 14<sup>th</sup> 00 27:44.6 +2:43.5 10.89%

Not a Q time but an improvement on ski time and perfect shooting. Time to celebrate!

Full results can be found at <http://www.biathlon.co.at/saison0910/alpencup.html>

The next race on the schedule is the Austria Cup at Eisenerz.

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