

## Script Highlight

Ski-Trail 2010  
January 26<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 – Tannheim Valley/Tyrol, Austria  
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Timecode	Shot Description	Voiceover Text / ITV Transcription
10:00:00:00	Intro Ski Trail, general impressions, scenics and action	
10:00:34:20	VO, start impressions	<u>Voiceover:</u> At the 14th Ski Trail in Tannheimertal Bad Hindelang heavy snowfall is the reason for very difficult conditions. There are about 300 athletes, ready to participate in the classic cross-country skiing over 14 and 25 Kilometres. Because of half a meter of fresh snow the type of wax is playing a very crucial role.
10:00:59:15	OT, ITV Friedl Hurmann (AUT)	OT: "Yes, everybody has got his own technique and the fresh snow requires a hard wax. This crystal snow needs a good technique to ski fast and as I said, it is very important to find the right wax mixture."
10:01:18:01	OT, ITV Alois Gmeiner (GER)	OT: "However, you must find the right wax. Otherwise, your skies do not move precisely how you want them to and you stand no chance!"
10:01:23:16	OT, ITV Müller Geri (GER)	OT: "Above all, you will need a lot of power today. The fresh and the deep snow make it very difficult and additionally, the poor visibility does not help either. And look, what is happening now!"

10:01:34:04	VO, Graphic racing track	<u>Voiceover:</u> Between Tannheim and Schattwald both classic runs of 14 and 25 Kilometres are using the same trail. For the long distance run, there is a 250metre rise in altitude with several steep and painful ascents as well as difficult downhill runs. Rico Schaller, who came second last year, says there is very little room for tactics because of the heavy snowfall.
10:01:58:10	OT, ITV Rico Schaller (GER)	OT: "Yes, it is snowing very hard. I think it does not make any sense to run first, let's see how it goes!"
10:02:06:20	general impressions start	
10:02:17:01	VO, Start impressions	<u>Voiceover:</u> The race started smoothly. From the very beginning, conditions have been selective and the leading athletes were fighting to get through the deep snow. Due to this, the athletes arrived 15 minutes late to the first bonus sprint in Zöblen, which the German Jurij Propp was able to win.
10:02:44:24	VO, general race impressions	<u>Voiceover:</u> Shortly, before the course divided at Schattwald, a group of 20 men were able to build up quite a lead on the others. Within that group was Rico Schaller.
10:03:01:00	VO, racing impression leading woman	<u>Voiceover:</u> For the women, Austrian Sabrina Schairer is the dominating athlete. She is in a class of for own and leads alone. The men have done their last downhill run and are on their way back to Tannheim. There, the spectators are waiting for the leading men. Rico Schaller enters the stadium in front of JOHN DOE, fighting very hard to keep the lead and finally he wins the race just in front of Daniel Slechta from the Czech Republic and Christian Baldauf from Austria! Even although they got lost for about 2 Kilometres.
10:03:30:11	OT, general Impression finish	OT Rico Schaller: "yes, we got lost once, congratulations, thank you .... but it was close...."
10:03:37:20	OT, Jan Voigt (GER)	OT: "Yes, at some of the rises it was very busy. I saw that the leading group went the wrong way. Therefore, we were able to close the gap between us because they had to run back for a while. Then, the last kilometres were very difficult. You must make sure that your skies move fast in order to get into a better position for the last ascent.

10:04:03:02	OT, Rico Schaller	OT: "I did not feel very well before we started but now I am very happy."
10:04:04:14	VO, racing impression Sabrina Scheirer	<u>Voiceover:</u> Near the finish Esther Mende and Andrea Raithmaier got very close to Sabrina Schairer. But the Vorarlberger kept a cool head and won the 25 kilometre race.
10:04:23:07	VO, racing impression Max Olex	<u>Voiceover:</u> Max Olex from Germany is the winner of the 14 Kilometres race and therefore very excited.
10:04:	OT, Max Olex (GER)	OT: "The Ski trail is definitely one of the coolest races in Middle Europe and very well organized. I enjoy coming here every year."
10:04:41:16	OT, Event Organizer Michael Keller (AUT)	OT: "It is always a new challenge. We had 5 snow groomers to make the trail. We started at 04.00 o'clock in the morning, flattened the trail and prepared the track in the classic style. During the race, we were available to support wherever possible. In the end, everything worked out fine.
10:05:03:17	VO, general impressions Mini Ski Trail	<u>Voiceover:</u> This is the third time that the Mini Ski Trail has taken place. There are about 200 Kids who start the race between the ages of 8 and 15. Michael Keller is one of the organizers who initiated this event. He is very happy about the large number of participants. He believes that the effort shown by the kids is much higher than that seen by the adults. The youngest athletes use the skating style over the two distances similar to tomorrow's competition and do so over the distances of 35 and 55 kilometres.
10:05:49:01	OT, Event Organizer Michael Keller (AUT)	OT: "When the athletes run in the skating style they do not form a trail on the course. They move forward like ice skaters which is in fact faster than using the classic style."

- 10:05:49:01 OT, Event Organizer Michael Keller (AUT) OT: "At the start and finish of each lap the trail goes up slightly and the field gets sorted for the first time. After this there is a short downhill run which ends at the Zöbler Sprint. Here we see which of the contestants is fit or not because the best receive a bonus. From there on and after passing Schattwald the course goes towards Unterjoch. To get to Oberjoch the athletes have to climb an altitude of about 250 metres. Oberjoch is Germany's highest mountain village and the highest point of the trail as well. Here again, the field gets wider apart and follows a difficult downhill run to Unterjoch arriving back at the start. Now it is the half way mark and they get ready for the rerun, following hilly terrain to Haldensee and Nesselwängle. There, everybody turns back over the frozen Haldensee and the trail goes towards Grän and Tannheim. Tannheim is a circuit and after that, the last gentle rise is where the race can be won or lost. Normally, a group of 5 to 10 athletes prepare themselves for the final stretch in the stadium."
- 10:07:29:02 VO, Skating Competition Sunday [Voiceover:](#) After a clear night, the skating style athletes have to deal with very cold temperatures. Max Olex knows that besides good material, the starting position will also be a crucial factor in winning.
- 10:07:43:12 OT, Max Olex (GER), winner 14 km classic OT: "Of course, it is important to be in a good position because you avoid fighting in the crowd and it is easier to get in the lead when you start in the first row."
- 10:07:55:21 general impression start
- 10:08:07:16 OT, Peter Gaffal (GER) OT: "I do hope it will not be too tough because it is quiet cold and you can get blocked by the snow conditions. Only the winners will achieve the ambitious forecast of finishing the race in two and a half hours. The older athletes will probably take longer".
- 10:08:17:24 OT, Stefanie Meyr (GER) OT: "It will take quiet a long time to finish the race. The track is well prepared; it looks like the fresh snow may block everybody a bit but they all knows what is to be done, hehehehe (laughing)".
- 10:08:27:11 Start skating competition

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10:08:29:21	VO, Start Skating Competition sunday	<u>Voiceover:</u> In front of the scenery of the Tannheimer cross country skiing arena almost 500 athletes started over a distance of 35 km and 255 athletes started over a distance of 55 km. With the total number of participants reaching more than 1300, a new record was achieved. This is great motivation for the organisation committee.
10:08:55:11	VO, Zöbler Sprint, racing impressions	<u>Voiceover:</u> Norbert Ganner from Austria has won the sprint at Zöbler. Rico Schaller, who was the winner the day before came in 4th place. At Via Schattwald, where the short and the long distance tracks divide, it rises 250 Meters in altitude up to the Oberjoch. This is not only from the sports aspect an experience.
10:09:19:12	VO, Leading women race impressions	<u>Voiceover:</u> At the refreshments station in Schattwald the three female German athletes Sigrid Mutscheller, Anja Kretschmer and Stefanie Meyr are in the leading positions. This group should stay together until reaching the finish.
10:09:40:24	VO, leading men race impressions	<u>Voiceover:</u> The men too formed a group of three when they passed Tannheim. In the lead was Rico Schaller, racing in excellent form. The Austrians Norbert Ganner and Michael Eberharter still had a great chance of winning. On the last, long ascent of the race, Rico Schaller started his crucial attack.
10:10:08:08	racing impressions men	<u>Voiceover:</u> In actual fact he took the advantage into the stadium and won the skating long-distance run by 26.40.00. In spite of an age difference of ten years, Norbert Ganner was only two seconds behind. The Tyrolean Michael Eberharter came in third.
10:10:25:04	OT, Norbert Ganner (AUT)	OT: "I have to say it is a wonderful competition. Meanwhile, a 55km race is far too long for me. That really takes it out of you. But in the end, I made it. "

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- 10:10:36:05 VO, leading women racing impressions  
[Voiceover:](#) Anja Kretschmer was in the lead when the women entered the stadium. However, she could not hold off the final attack of Sigrid Mutscheller. After the end spurt she crossed the line with a total time of 3 hours, 14 minutes and 31 seconds. Anja Kretschmer was one second behind and Stefanie Meyr was another 40 seconds behind them finishing in third.
- 10:10:58:10 OT, winner women, Sigrid Mutscheller (GER)  
OT: "Most of the time the three of us raced together. It was like a duel and we changed position several times. We stayed together until the last hill and finish, and then it came down to the end spurt".
- 10:11:15:19 OT, second placed Woman, Anja Kretschmer (GER)  
OT: "I was there in the last two years, placed 4th and 6th, but this time my goal was to place third and finally I came second. It really went well."
- 10:11:26:12 VO, racing impression, finishing of 35km winner Manuel Hirner (AUT)  
[Voiceover:](#) The Austrian Manuel Hirner dominated the 35km race. It is his first time at the Ski Trail Tannheimertal and he is very excited about this competition.
- 10:11:36:23 OT, interview winner men 35 km, Manuel Hirner (AUT)  
OT: "A fantastic competition, perfect weather, brilliant organisation and breath taking scenery! Actually, it was the first time for me to be here in this area; it was great fun, hats off, simply a cool race".
- 10:11:50:24 VO, general impressions finish  
[Voiceover:](#) After this successful competition the organisers looks forward to the Ski Trail 2011 and would appreciate to see you there again.
- 10:12:17:17 credits
- 10:12:38:09 end of program

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