

PREVIEW MEN's INDIVIDUAL - LARGE HILL - Sunday 28 Jan 2018

Stoch hoping to impress again in home town

- Kamil Stoch (POL) was born in Zakopane and is a member of one of the local ski jumping clubs.
- Stoch has won four individual World Cup events in his home town, more than in any other host city. Only in Engelberg (7 times) he finished on the podium more often than in Zakopane (5).
- Only Gregor Schlierenzauer (AUT, 5 victories) won more individual World Cup events in Zakopane than Stoch. Adam Malysz (POL) also won four times in Zakopane.
- Stoch made his individual ski jumping World Cup debut here at the age of 16 (49th place on 17 January 2004) and claimed his first podium finish and victory in Zakopane as he won on 23 January 2011.
- In total, Stoch has won six individual World Cup events in Poland and finished on the podium nine times, both more than any other ski jumper.
- Personally, Stoch has only won more individual World Cup events in Germany (7).
- Stoch has won the last four men's large hill events (all in Four Hills Tournament). The last jumper to win five in a row was Gregor Schlierenzauer: six consecutive large hill victories from January-February 2009.
- Stoch (24) could become the fifth ski jumper with 25 World Cup victories in men's large hill events, after Schlierenzauer (36), Janne Ahonen (FIN, 31), Malysz (31) and Matti Nykänen (FIN, 25).
- In all individual disciplines Stoch has won 26 World Cup events, ranking him in seventh place all-time. Martin Schmitt (GER) is in sixth place on 28 victories.

German jumpers aiming to pick up where they left off in 2017

- German ski jumpers have won four individual World Cup events this season, joint-most alongside Poland, and have finished on the podium 12 times (more than any other country).
- The last season in which Germans won more individual World Cup events was 2014/15 (11).
- Germans have failed to win any of the last five individual World Cup events, since Richard Freitag's (GER) victory in Engelberg on 17 December 2017.
- Freitag and Andreas Wellinger (GER) are in second and third place respectively in the World Cup standings, behind Kamil Stoch. They also finished in second (Wellinger) and third (Freitag) place behind Stoch in Zakopane last season.
- Freitag could make his return to the World Cup for the first time since 4 January, when he fell and finished 30th in Innsbruck.
- Freitag's three wins and seven podium finishes this season are already a personal best for him in a single World Cup campaign.

- Freitag has finished on the podium in four individual World Cup events in Zakopane. The only German ski jumper with more podium finishes in Zakopane is Sven Hannawald (GER, 6).
- No ski jumper has finished on the podium of more individual World Cup events since the start of 2017 than Andreas Wellinger (17).
- Only one of the last 29 World Cup events in Poland was won by a German ski jumper, as Wellinger won in Wisla on 16 January 2014. It was the first of three individual World Cup victories for him.
- The last German to win the men's large hill in Zakopane was Michael Uhrmann (GER) on 17 January 2004.

Norway looking for consecutive victories

- The last individual World Cup event, the men's ski flying in Tauplitz/Bad Mitterndorf, was won by Andreas Stjernen (NOR).
- It was the first individual World Cup win for Stjernen, equalling his father Hroar Stjernen (NOR) who also won once. They are also tied on five podium finishes each.
- The last time Norwegian ski jumpers won consecutive individual World Cup events was in January 2017, when Daniel-André Tande (NOR) won in Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Innsbruck.
- The last time different Norwegian ski jumpers won consecutive World Cup events was in January 2013, when Anders Bardal (NOR) won in Wisla and Anders Jacobsen (NOR) in Zakopane.
- Norwegians have claimed five podium finishes in individual events in 2018 (including a second place in each of the last three events), more podium finishes than ski jumpers from any other country.
- Daniel-André Tande won the individual world title at the ski flying world championships last weekend, his first major title to-date.

Other contenders

- No Austrian jumper has finished in the top-two of an individual World Cup event this season, with only Stefan Kraft (AUT) finishing on the podium (three times a third place).
- Junshiro Kobayashi (JPN) won the opening individual event of this season in Wisla.
- Apart from Kamil Stoch, the last ski jumper to win consecutive events on Polish snow was Gregor Schlierenzauer in 2009-2010 (three straight, all in Zakopane).
- Simon Ammann (SUI) claimed his 80th podium finish in an individual World Cup event in the previous event in Tauplitz/Bad Mitterndorf (third place). He became the fourth jumper to reach this milestone, after Janne Ahonen (108), Adam Malysz (92) and Gregor Schlierenzauer (88).



International Ski Federation www.fis-ski.com
Gracenote Sports on Twitter [@GracenoteGold](https://twitter.com/GracenoteGold)

Information provided by

