

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL - LARGE HILL – Saturday 3 Feb 2018

Wellinger hoping to repeat Willingen success

- Andreas Wellinger won the individual World Cup in Willingen in 2017 and he hopes to become the first German to win back-to-back World Cup events here since Sven Hannawald in 2002 and 2003.
- The last four individual World Cup events in Willingen have been won by four different ski jumpers - Kamil Stoch, Severin Freund, Peter Prevc and Wellinger.
- Wellinger can win two individual World Cup events in a season for the first time, after his win in Nizhny Tagil in December 2017.
- No male ski jumper has finished on the podium of more individual World Cup events since the start of 2017 than Andreas Wellinger (18).

Stoch eyeing record fourth win in Willingen with PyeongChang in mind

- Kamil Stoch can win a record fourth individual World Cup event in Willingen. He is currently tied with Noriaki Kasai on three wins.
- Stoch was the last to win consecutive individual World Cup events in Willingen, winning three in a row in 2014 and 2015.
- Since 2006, Willingen has been the last stop before the Olympic Winter Games and in 2014 Stoch won in Willingen and went on to win the two individual gold medals in ski jumping at the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games.
- Stoch is also the last athlete to win both individual World Cup events in one weekend in Willingen, when he won in both events in 2014. The other two ski jumpers who have achieved this are Noriaki Kasai (1999) and Andreas Widhölzl (2000).
- After 2003, Willingen hosted two World Cup events in the same weekend only twice, in 2014 and in 2015.
- In 2015, Stoch and Freund each won a World Cup here.
- Stoch (24) could become the fifth ski jumper with at least 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 seventh all-time. Martin Schmitt (GER) is in sixth place on 28 victories.

Germany targeting more success in Willingen

- German ski jumpers have won four individual World Cup events this season, joint-most alongside Poland, and have finished on the podium 13 times (more than any other country).
- The last season in which German ski jumpers won more individual World Cup events was 2014/15 (11).
- Germany has failed to win any of the last six individual World Cup events, since Richard Freitag's (GER) victory in Engelberg on 17 December 2017.

- Freitag's three wins and seven podium finishes this season are already a personal best for him in a single World Cup campaign.
- Germany has won five individual World Cup events in Willingen. Only Austria has won more here (7).
- Germany (298) needs two more podium finishes to become the fourth country to reach 300 podium finishes in individual World Cup events - Austria 716, Finland 418, Norway 387.

Other contenders

- Last week in Zakopane, Peter Prevc claimed his first podium finish of the season and the first since winning the individual World Cup in Sapporo on 11 February 2017.
- Norway has won 106 individual World Cup events, one behind Germany in fourth place all-time.
- Anže Semenic claimed his first individual World Cup win last week in Zakopane.
- He is the eighth athlete to win an individual World Cup this season.
- Last season, there were nine different winners in total. In 2015/16, there were 10 athletes who won an individual World Cup.

Willingen Five

- Apart from the two World Cup events in Willingen on Saturday, 3 February and Sunday, 4 February, there will also be a new competition format, the Willingen Five.
- In the Willingen Five athletes can score points in all five jumps this weekend - the qualification on Friday, the two jumps on Saturday and the two jumps on Sunday.

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