

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL - LARGE HILL – Thursday 15 Mar 2018

Stoch nearing perfect season

- Kamil Stoch is leading the overall standings in the 2017/18 World Cup, won Olympic gold in the men's large hill event at the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games, he won the Four Hills tournament and the Willingen Five and is leading the standings at the Raw Air.
- He can add the overall standings in the Raw Air, the overall and ski flying World Cup standings title and the overall standings at the Planica 7 (22-25 March) to complete a near perfect season.
- Only once, Stoch won the overall or ski flying standings in the World Cup as he finished in first place in the overall classification in 2013/14.
- Stoch can claim his 29th individual World Cup victory, surpassing Martin Schmitt (28) in sixth place all-time among men. The only Polish ski jumper with more individual World Cup wins is Adam Malysz (39, third all-time).
- One more podium finish and Stoch (54) will overtake Ernst Vettori (54) in 10th place all-time. Next up is Noriaki Kasai on 63 podium finishes.
- Stoch has won six individual World Cup events in this season and he needs one more to equal his best campaign - seven individual wins in 2016/17.
- Stoch has claimed one victory in Trondheim, in the individual large hill event on 15 March 2013. This is also his only podium finish in Trondheim.

Tande targeting Trondheim victory

- Last Sunday at Holmenkollen, Daniel-André Tande claimed his fifth individual World Cup win and the first on home snow.
- He can join three compatriots to have claimed multiple wins in individual World Cup events on Norwegian snow - Roar Ljøkelsøy (3), Espen Bredesen (2) and Erik Johnsen (2).
- Ljøkelsøy (2003) is one of three Norwegian ski jumpers to have won an individual World Cup in Trondheim. Sigurd Pettersen (2002) and Anders Bardal (2014) are the others.
- Robert Johansson finished third in Lillehammer on Tuesday 13 March, his best result in an individual World Cup event this season. He also took two bronze medals in both individual events at the PyeongChang Winter Games.
- Johansson has yet to celebrate his first win in an individual World Cup event.
- Johann André Forfang hopes to win an individual World Cup for the third time. After his win in Willingen on 4 February, he could claim two wins in a single season for the first time in his career.
- Forfang claimed three podium finishes in individual events on Norwegian hills, but never in a large hill event - second and third in ski flying in Vikersund (2015 and 2016) and third in normal hill in Lillehammer (2015).

Various

- Austria are still looking for their first World Cup win this season (both team and individual).
- Since the introduction of the World Cup in ski jumping, Austria have gone without a win in two seasons: 1988/89 (four podium finishes) and 2000/01 (12 podium finishes).
- Their 2000/01 campaign was Austria's last in the World Cup without a single victory (8 podiums).
- Stefan Kraft could end Austria's dry spell. He is the most recent winner of an individual World Cup in Trondheim, finishing first here in the large hill event on 16 March 2017.
- Andreas Wellinger has not finished in the top-seven of an individual World Cup since claiming gold (normal hill) and silver (large hill) at the PyeongChang Winter Games.
- His best result on Norwegian hills was a second place in Oslo and a third place in Trondheim in March 2017 (both large hill).
- Dawid Kubacki hopes to claim his first win in an individual World Cup. His second place in Lillehammer on Tuesday, one day after his 28th birthday, was his best result so far.
- Kubacki could become the ninth Polish winner of an individual World Cup.

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