

## PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL - LARGE HILL – Tuesday 13 Mar 2018

### Stoch eyeing back-to-back World Cup victories in Lillehammer

- Kamil Stoch has six individual victories to his name this season. After winning all four events at the Four Hills tournament and the large hill event at the Olympic Winter Games, he won the large hill in Lahti.
- Stoch has won 27 individual World Cup events, one shy from equalling Martin Schmitt in sixth place all-time among men.
- The only jumper representing Poland to claim more individual World Cup victories than Stoch's 27 is Adam Malysz on 39.
- Stoch (25) could become the fourth ski jumper with at least 26 World Cup victories in men's large hill events, after Gregor Schlierenzauer (36), Janne Ahonen (31), and Malysz (31).
- Only in 2013/14 (six) and 2016/17 (seven), Stoch won more individual World Cup events than this season (five).
- Stoch won the most recent World Cup meet in Lillehammer. On 11 December 2016, he topped the podium ahead of Maciej Kot and Markus Eisenbichler.

### Tande poised to delight home crowd once more

- Last Sunday, Daniel-André Tande delighted the home crowd by taking top honours at the famous Holmenkollen venue in Oslo.
- That marked Tande's sixth World Cup victory of the season, equal most with Poland's Kamil Stoch in both individual and team events.
- Of Tande's six victories this term, four came in team events and two came in individual events. His other individual victory this season came on the large hill in Willingen on 3 February.
- Tande's six victories in a World Cup season are trumped by only one Norwegian jumper. In 2003/04, Roar Ljøkelsøy racked up nine victories in the World Cup.
- Tande's career total of World Cup victories now stands at 13. Only four countrymen have won more: Ljøkelsøy (17), Anders Bardal (16), Anders Jacobsen (16) and Bjørn Einar Romøren (15).
- As a country, Norway has claimed nine World Cup victories this season, leading the chase from Poland (6) and Germany (5).
- In terms of victories, their nine this season, already constitutes the second-best performance in a single World Cup campaign, In 2003/04, Norwegian jumpers claimed 15 wins.
- The last domestic jumper to win a World Cup meet in Lillehammer was Kenneth Gangnes, on the normal hill on 6 December 2015.
- The last local favourite to triumph on the large hill in Lillehammer was Ljøkelsøy on 12 March 2004.

## **Austrians knocking on the door, hope to end season on a high note**

- Last Sunday in Holmenkollen, Austria claimed their best performance in a World Cup meet this season, with Stefan Kraft finishing second and Michael Hayböck third behind winner Daniel-André Tande.
- Austria's only other top-two finish had come in the team event in Wisla at the start of the season. Austria is still awaiting its first World Cup victory of the season.
- Their 2000/01 campaign was Austria's last in the World Cup without a single victory (12 podiums). They have claimed two second and six third places this season.
- This season stands to be a significant dropoff for Austria compared to last season in the World Cup. In 2016/17, they finished with 10 victories and 28 podium finishes.
- Austria easily dominate the all-time table in the World Cup. Their 275 victories are 109 more than Finland's 166.
- It is nearly one year ago since an Austrian last won a World Cup meet. On 26 March of last year, Kraft won the ski flying event in Planica.

## **Team Germany holds three trump cards**

- Germany and Norway are the only countries represented by three ski jumpers in the top-10 in this season's World Cup standings. Their campaign is buoyed by Richard Freitag (2nd), Andreas Wellinger (4th) and Markus Eisenbichler (8th).
- In Lahti, on 4 March, Markus Eisenbichler became the third jumper to claim an individual World Cup podium for Germany this season, after Freitag (8) and Wellinger (6).
- German jumpers have already won four individual events this World Cup season: three by Freitag and one by Wellinger. The last time Germany had more in a single season was 2014/15 (11).
- Wellinger (24) is one podium finish shy of his 25th in individual World Cup events. He could become the sixth German (including West and East Germany) to reach this milestone. Freitag is on 23 podiums.
- The last German to win a large hill World Cup event in Lillehammer was Severin Freund on 8 December 2013. Freund accounts for the last three World Cup victories by Germany at this venue.

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