

PREVIEW MEN'S TEAM - LARGE HILL – Saturday 10 Mar 2018

Norway searching for first team win in Oslo

- Norway are hoping to win their first men's World Cup team event in Oslo, in front of a home crowd. Their best result in the Norwegian capital in the World Cup is a second place in 1996 and 2016.
- In 1982, they claimed the world title in Oslo at the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships in the men's team event.
- Their only World Cup win in a team event in Norway came last year in Vikersund where they won the ski flying team event on 18 March.
- Norway are the only team to have finished on the podium in each of the last seven World Cup team events - five wins and two third places - starting with their ski flying win in Vikersund in 2017.
- Norway can become the third country to claim six podium finishes in team events in a single World Cup season, after Poland in 2016/17 and Austria in 2011/12 (both six).
- Only Austria (5 wins in 2010/11) have won more World Cup team events in a single campaign than Norway have in current season (3 wins). All three team victories by Norway came in large hill events.
- Norway could break the record for most team large hill victories in the World Cup in a single campaign, set by Austria in 2010/11 (3 wins).

Germany eyeing back-to-back victories

- Germany won the last World Cup team event, in Lahti, ending an eight-event winning drought in the World Cup.
- Germany could win consecutive World Cup team events for the third time, after November 2015-January 2016 (Klingenthal, Willingen) and November 2014-January 2015 (Klingenthal, Zakopane).
- Germany have won 12 World Cup team events in total, but none of those came in Norway. Their best result on Norwegian snow was a second place in last year's large hill event in Oslo.
- They also claimed two third places in this event in the Norwegian capital (1996, 2003). Germany's three World Cup team podiums in Oslo are equal-most alongside Austria which won here three times.
- Germany have finished on the podium in each of the last four World Cup team events, all this season. Only once they claimed more podium finishes in team events in a single World Cup season: five in 2016/17.
- Richard Freitag could claim his 25th World Cup podium in team events. Only Gregor Schlierenzauer (32), Thomas Morgenstern (30) and Wolfgang Loitzl (27) have more.

Poland look for more podiums as Austria hope to win in Oslo again

- Poland have claimed four World Cup team podiums this season, including their home victory in Zakopane in January.
- Only in 2016/17 they finished in the top-three more often in World Cup team events: six podiums.
- Last year, Poland finished third in this event in Oslo and took second place in the ski flying team event in Vikersund, their only podium finishes on Norwegian snow in a World Cup team event.
- Austria won three of the previous four World Cup team events in Oslo: in 1996, 2003 and 2017. The only exception in this run was Slovenia's win in 2016.
- Austria have won four of the seven team events in the World Cup in total in Norway, as they also won the ski flying event in Vikersund in 2009. Norway (2017 Vikersund), Slovenia (2016 Oslo) and Finland (1996 Trondheim) won the other three World Cup team events on Norwegian snow.
- Their win in Oslo in 2017 marks Austria's only World Cup team victory in the last four seasons (since 2014/15).
- Austria also missed out on the medals at the world ski flying championships (fifth) and Olympic Winter Games (fourth) this season.
- Gregor Schlierenzauer has won a joint-record 16 World Cup team events, alongside compatriot Thomas Morgenstern.

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