

PREVIEW MEN'S SUPER TEAM NORMAL HILL RASNOV – Sunday 19 Feb 2023

Poland

- Poland won the first men's super team event at a World Cup last week in Lake Placid (large hill). Dawid Kubacki and Piotr Zyla were the successful pairing.
- Neither Kubacki or Zyla will be competing in Râşnov so the Poles could be represented by two out of **Jan Habdas, Kacper Juroszek, Maciej Kot, Tomasz Pilch**. Kot (5) is fifth on the list of Polish ski jumpers with World Cup wins (all men's events).
- Poland's previous win in a men's team World Cup event win was in December 2019 in Klingenthal. A victory in January 2018 in Zakopane was the last time Kot was on a winning team in a World Cup event.

Austria

- Austria finished second in the men's super team event in Lake Placid. Austria won the men's team event in Zakopane last January.
- In all men's teams events this season, Austria is level with Poland on one win and two podium finishes each.
- Since the start of the 2020/21 season, Austria has won six of the 11 men's (super) team events. Slovenia (2), Germany (1), Norway (1) and Poland (1) won the other five events. Austria also won gold in the men's team event at the Olympic Winter Games in Beijing in 2022.

Other contenders

- **Japan** claimed its first podium finish in a men's team World Cup event in Lake Placid for over a year. Japan's previous podium was a third place in the team event in Zakopane in January 2022.
- A week before Japan's win in Zakopane, it finished second in the men's World Cup team event in Bischofshofen. **Keiichi Sato**, a member of the reduced Japan team in Râşnov was a member of that quartet.
- **Germany** (66) can move into second place, past Norway (66) in the list of most World Cup podiums in men's team events. Austria tops that list with 87.
- Germany finished fourth in the super team event last week in Lake Placid. They are the only team with both members from last week's event in the squad for Râşnov; **Karl Geiger, Andreas Wellinger**.
- Of the top six German winners in men's team events at the World Cup, four are named in the overall squad for Râşnov; **Markus Eisenbichler** (6), Wellinger (6), Geiger (5), **Stephan Leyhe** (4). Only two can compete in the super team event, new this season to the World Cup circuit.
- **Slovenia** won the most recent world title in a men's team event. On 13 March 2022, they won the men's ski flying team event in Vikersund.



- Râşnov has only ever hosted a mixed team event before in the World Cup. **Norway** took victory in that event on 20 February 2021. **Daniel-André Tande** was part of that team.

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