

PREVIEW MEN'S TEAM - SKI FLYING – Saturday 17 Mar 2018

Norway eyeing record fourth successive ski flying team win

- Last Saturday, Norway won the team large hill event in front of a home crowd in Oslo.
- It marked only their second World Cup win in a team event in Norway after also winning the ski flying team event last year in Vikersund.
- Norway have won the last three ski flying team events in the World Cup: in Planica on 19 March 2016, in Vikersund on 18 March 2017 and in Planica on 25 March 2017.
- Norway can become the first country to win four ski flying team meets in a row in the World Cup. Finland (2001-2003) and Austria (2010-2011) previously also won three successive.
- Norway have won an all-time record six World Cup ski flying team events, leading Austria (5), Finland (4), Slovenia (3) and Germany (1).
- This World Cup season, Norway have won four of the six team events. Austria holds the record for most World Cup team wins in one campaign as they won five in 2010/11.
- Norway can become the first country to claim seven podium finishes in team events in a single World Cup season, breaking the record of six set by Austria in 2011/12 and matched by Poland in 2016/17.
- Norway are the only team to have finished on the podium in each of the last eight World Cup team events - six wins and two third places - starting with their ski flying win in Vikersund in 2017.

Poland and Germany hoping for second team win of the season

- Poland have claimed five 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 season also marks the only time Poland claimed multiple World Cup team wins (2).
- Poland have finished on the podium in the last three team events on Norwegian snow in the World Cup, including a second place in the ski flying event in Vikersund last year.
- Poland have yet to win a ski flying team event in the World Cup. They have claimed three podiums so far: second in Planica in 2009 and in Vikersund in 2017, and third in Planica in 2017.
- Germany won the World Cup team event in Lahti, on 3 March, ending an eight-event winning drought in the World Cup.
- They could win multiple team events in one World Cup season for the fourth time, after 2012/13, 2014/15 and 2015/16 (all 2 wins).

- 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.
- Germany's only victory in a ski flying team meet in the World Cup came in Planica on 18 March 2000, the first World Cup in this event.

Austria hope for first ski flying team win in six years

- Austria have won four of the eight team events held in Norway in the World Cup: three times in Oslo (1996, 2003, 2017) and once in Vikersund (2009).
- Their win in Oslo in 2017 marks Austria's only World Cup team victory in the last four seasons (since 2014/15).
- Austria could equal Norway on an all-time record six World Cup wins in ski flying team events. Their last ski flying win came in Planica on 17 March 2012.
- Gregor Schlierenzauer was part of Austria's team in all of their five winning campaigns in ski flying World Cups.
- Last Saturday, Schlierenzauer claimed his first World Cup team podium in almost a year (Vikersund, 18 March 2017) as he was part of Austria's team finishing third in Oslo.
- Schlierenzauer has won a record-equalling 16 team events in the World Cup, alongside Thomas Morgenstern, and has claimed a record 33 podiums in World Cup team events.

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