

Preview Men's Individual - Large Hill (16-17 December) - Ski Jumping World Cup - Engelberg, SUI

Austrians hoping to win record equalling 17th individual World Cup event in Engelberg

- Austrian ski jumpers have won an individual men's World Cup event in Engelberg 16 times.
- Only in Sapporo (Austria, 17), Oberstdorf (Austria, 17) and Lahti (Finland, 17) have ski jumpers from one country won more individual World Cup events.
- Last season Michael Hayböck (AUT) won the first World Cup event in Engelberg on 17 December 2016. Domen Prevc (SLO) claimed victory one day later.

Switzerland's long wait for an individual World Cup win

- Three Swiss ski jumpers have won an individual World Cup event on home snow: Simon Ammann (SUI, Engelberg in 2008 and twice in 2009), Andreas Küttel (SUI, Engelberg in 2007) and Hansjörg Sumi (SUI, Gstaad in 1980).
- Ammann was also the last Swiss ski jumper to claim an individual World Cup victory in any country, claiming victory twice in Ruka in November 2014.
- Ammann has won three individual World Cup events in Engelberg. Only Janne Ahonen (FIN, 5) and Gregor Schlierenzauer (AUT, 4) have more. Ammann has also won a personal best three times in Ruka, Lillehammer and Oslo

Germans aiming to keep winning streak alive

- German ski jumpers won the last three individual World Cup events.
- Richard Freitag (GER) claimed victory the first event in Nizhny Tagil (2 December) and last weekend in Titisee-Neustadt (10 December), while Andreas Wellinger (GER) won the second event in Nizhny Tagil (3 December).
- The last time ski jumpers from one country claimed four successive individual World Cup victories was in January 2017, when Kamil Stoch (POL) won four events in a row for Poland (Bischofshofen, Wisla twice, Zakopane).
- The last time German ski jumpers had such a streak was in March 2015, when Severin Freund (GER) won four events in a row (Kuopio, Trondheim, Oslo twice).

Freitag already eyeing personal victory record in single World Cup season

- Richard Freitag (370 points) leads the overall standings this World Cup season, ahead of Andreas Wellinger (319) and Daniel-André Tande (NOR, 280).
- Freitag won individual events in Nizhny Tagil and Titisee-Neustadt this season and can win three individual World Cup events in a single season for the first time in his career.
- In 2012/13 (Oberstdorf & Lahti) and 2014/15 (Engelberg & Innsbruck) he previously claimed two individual World Cup wins in a single season.
- All of Freitag's seven previous individual World Cup victories came in different host cities. Engelberg can become the first city in which he wins multiple individual events, as he previously won here on 20 December 2014.

Wellinger and Kraft battling for most podium finishes in 2017

- Last weekend in Titisee-Neustadt Andreas Wellinger equalled Stefan Kraft (AUT) on a calendar year-high 15 individual World Cup podium finishes in 2017.

- Kraft has won seven events, finished second on three occasions and third on five. Wellinger has won two events, finished second on nine occasions and finished third on four.
- Wellinger's nine second place finishes in 2017 in individual World Cup events is already a record for a single calendar year. Peter Prevc (SLO, 2015) and Simon Ammann (2009) had previously finished second on eight occasions in a calendar year.
- The only German ski jumpers to finish on the podium of more individual World Cup events during a single calendar year than Wellinger in 2017 are Martin Schmitt (GER, 17 in 1999) and Severin Freund (16 in 2015).
- The only Austrian ski jumper to finish on the podium of more individual World Cup events during a single calendar year than Kraft in 2017 is Gregor Schlierenzauer (17 in 2009 and also 15 in 2008).
- Kamil Stoch follows the duo on 10 individual World Cup podium finishes this year. He has won six events, one fewer than Kraft.

Norwegians hoping to end winning drought

- Daniel-André Tande and Johann André Forfang (NOR) are in third and fifth place on the World Cup leaderboard respectively.
- The last time a Norwegian won an individual World Cup event was on 4 January 2017, when Tande claimed victory in Innsbruck.
- Norway are on a winning drought of 21 individual World Cup events, their longest such a streak since a run of 29 events without a victory from January 2013 - January 2014.
- Tande won two individual World Cup events in 2017 (Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Innsbruck in January) and could become the first Norwegian jumper with three individual World Cup victories in a single calendar year since Anders Jacobsen (NOR) in 2007.

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- Gregor Schlierenzauer made his first World Cup appearance since 19 March last weekend in Titisee-Neustadt. He finished 22nd.
- Schlierenzauer has won a record 53 individual men's World Cup events, while only Janne Ahonen (108) and Adam Malysz (92) have finished on the podium more often than him (88).
- His last podium finish came on 13 December 2014, when he finished second in Nizhny Tagil. His last victory came in Lillehammer on 6 December 2014.
- Kamil Stoch and Peter Prevc have both won 22 individual World Cup events. Next up for them are Simon Ammann and Thomas Morgenstern (AUT) on 23 in joint-eighth place all-time.
- Stoch could fail to claim a podium finish for the fifth successive time the first time since a run of 32 individual World Cup events without a podium from March 2015 - December 2016.