

## MEN INDIVIDUAL LARGE HILL – Sunday 10 Dec 2017

### Titisee-Neustadt hosting its 15th individual World Cup event

- Titisee-Neustadt is back on the calendar after a year absence. In the 2015/16 season, one of the two individual large hills was cancelled and Johann André Forfang (NOR) emerged victorious on 12 March 2016, his first and so far only victory.
- This is the 15th time an individual event will be held in Titisee-Neustadt, with only Adam Malysz (POL, 3) and Martin Höllwarth (AUT, 2) winning more than once.
- Besides Forfang, Anders Fannemel (NOR) and Kamil Stoch (POL) can also win for the second time in the German city.
- Malysz (6) has also claimed most podium finishes in Titisee-Neustadt, followed by compatriot Stoch (3).
- The only German jumpers to win an individual event in Titisee-Neustadt are Sven Hannawald (GER, second event in 2001) and Severin Freund (GER, second event in 2015).

### Germans poised to win in front of home crowd

- Richard Freitag (GER) and Andreas Wellinger (GER) won the two individual events in Nizhny Tagil last weekend.
- Freitag (270 points) also leads the individual World Cup standings ahead of Wellinger (239).
- The last time three successive individual World Cup events were won by German jumpers was in March 2015, when Severin Freund (GER) won four times in a row (Kuopio, Trondheim and twice in Oslo).
- For Freitag, it was his sixth individual victory while Wellinger claimed his third World Cup win. Both have won one individual event on home snow as Freitag won the ski flying event in Oberstdorf in February 2013 and Wellinger won in Willingen last January, which was the most recent large hill event in Germany.
- The last German jumper to win consecutive individual men's large hill events in front of a home crowd was Freund in February 2015, when he won in Willingen and Titisee-Neustadt.
- Only Stefan Kraft (AUT, 15) has finished on the podium of more different individual World Cup events in 2017 than Wellinger (14).
- Wellinger has finished on the podium in 13 of his last 17 individual World Cup events.
- Freitag could finish on the podium of three successive individual World Cup events for the first time in his career.
- Markus Eisenbichler (GER) is ranked eighth in the individual World Cup standings. His best result in an individual World Cup event is a third place, set on three occasions: in Lillehammer in December 2016, in Oslo in March 2017 and in Planica, also in March 2017.

- His best result in Germany is a fourth place on 1 January of this year in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

### **Kraft looking to make it three in a row in Germany**

- Stefan Kraft (AUT) won the last two individual World Cup events in Germany as he won both ski flying events in Oberstdorf last February.
- The last man to win three successive individual World Cup events in Germany was Janne Ahonen (FIN), who won five in a row between February 2004 and January 2005. The last of these five events was a large hill event in Titisee-Neustadt.
- Kraft has finished on the podium in 15 individual World Cup events in 2017, more than any other jumper.
- The only Austrian jumper to finish on the podium of more World Cup events during a single calendar year is Gregor Schlierenzauer (AUT, 17 in 2009, also 15 in 2008).

### **Schlierenzauer aiming to return**

- Gregor Schlierenzauer (AUT) is aiming to make his first World Cup appearance since 19 March, when he finished in 28th place in the ski flying event in Vikersund. He missed the start of the season due to injury.
- 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 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.
- Schlierenzauer has won nine individual World Cup events in Germany, more than any other jumper. His 17 podium finishes only trail Jens Weißflog (23), Ahonen (18) and Malysz (18).
- He has only won more individual World Cup events in Norway (13) than in Germany.
- Schlierenzauer's only podium finish in Titisee-Neustadt came in 2007, when he finished second in the second event.

### **Various**

- All four individual World Cup events this season were won by four different jumpers: Junshiro Kobayashi (JPN), Jernej Damjan (SLO), Richard Freitag and Andreas Wellinger.
- The last season in which the first five individual events were won by five different men was in 1996/97, when Dieter Thoma (GER), Kristian Brenden (NOR), Takanobu Okabe (JPN), Primož Peterka (SLO) and Kazuyoshi Funaki (JPN) won the first five events.
- Kamil Stoch (POL) and Peter Prevc (SLO) have both won 22 individual World Cup events. Next up for them are Simon Ammann (SUI) and Thomas Morgenstern (AUT) on 23 in joint-eighth place all-time.

- Stoch could fail to reach the podium at four consecutive World Cup events for the first time in 2017.
- Daniel-André Tande (NOR) already 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.
- Jernej Damjan could become the third male jumper to claim multiple individual World Cup victories after his 34th birthday, besides Noriaki Kasai (JPN, 2) and Robert Kranjec (SLO, 2).
- Damjan could become the fifth jumper representing Slovenia to win at least three individual men's World Cup events, after Peter Prevc (22), Primož Peterka (SLO, 15), Kranjec (7) and Domen Prevc (SLO, 4).

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