

MEN INDIVIDUAL OVERALL – Sunday 19 Nov 2017

World Cup season kicks off in Wisla for the first time

- The men's large hill World Cup event in Wisla will be held for the sixth season in a row, but for the first time it will be the opener of the season. It is also the first time that the men's World Cup season starts in Poland.
- In each of the previous five World Cup seasons, the events in Wisla were held after New Year's Day including last season when Kamil Stoch won twice in front of a home crowd on 14 and 15 January.
- Stoch is the only jumper with multiple World Cup victories in the men's large hill in Wisla as the first four events were won by four different jumpers: Anders Bardal (2013), Andreas Wellinger (2014), Stefan Kraft (2015) and Roman Koudelka (2016).
- Stoch is the jumper with most individual World Cup victories on Polish soil: six including all three events last season (twice in Wisla, once in Zakopane).
- Those six victories are most for him in a single country, while Stoch has only reached the podium of an individual World Cup event more often in Germany (10) than in Poland (8).
- Stoch's last victory in an individual large hill World Cup event came in Sapporo on 12 February - his last large hill win on European soil was in Zakopane on 22 January.
- Stoch, Peter Prevc and Severin Freund, who is out for the season, have all won 22 individual World Cup events. Next up for them are Simon Ammann and Thomas Morgenstern on 23 in joint-eighth place all-time.

Domen Prevc looking for another opening win

- Last season, Domen Prevc won three of the first four individual World Cup events (all large hill), including the opening event in Ruka on 25 November 2016.
- He could become the first jumper to win the opening individual World Cup event in consecutive seasons since Andreas Kofler 2010-2011, who won the first large hill event in Ruka in both seasons.
- The only other jumpers to win successive opening World Cup events are Dieter Thoma (1988-1989, 1996-1997) and Martin Schmitt (three in a row, 1998-2000).
- Only Schmitt did so at different venues as he won the men's large hill in Lillehammer in 1998 and in Kuopio in 1999.
- Domen Prevc won four of the first seven individual World Cup events last season, but failed to win any World Cup event since that fourth victory in Engelberg on 18 December 2016.
- His only podium finish in an individual World Cup event in 2017 came in Wisla on 15 January, when he finished in third place in the second jump of the weekend.

- Domen Prevc can become the fourth ski jumper to claim five or more individual World Cup wins before his 19th birthday, after Gregor Schlierenzauer (13), Primož Peterka (10) and Toni Nieminen (8).

Kraft hoping to continue run from last season

- Stefan Kraft won the overall and sky flying World Cup standings next to the individual large and normal hill world title.
- Kraft finished his World Cup season by winning five of the last seven individual events, including each of the last three large hill events (Pyeongchang, Oslo, Trondheim).
- The last jumper to win four consecutive World Cup large hill events was Kamil Stoch in January 2017 - that streak included two victories in Wisla.
- Kraft has won one World Cup event in Wisla (2014/15) and finished second and fourth in the two events there last season. He could join Stoch (2) on multiple World Cup victories in Wisla.
- He has never won the opening individual event of a World Cup season - the last Austrian jumper to do so was Andreas Kofler in 2011 (large hill event in Ruka).
- Kraft could become the first reigning world champion in the men's large hill to win a large hill World Cup event in Poland since Kamil Stoch in Zakopane on 18 January 2015.

Other contenders

- Daniel-André Tande won the opener of the men's World Cup season in Klingenthal in 2015 and could become the first Norwegian jumper to win multiple season opening events.
- Tande already won two individual World Cup events in 2017 (Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Innsbrück in January) and could become the first Norwegian jumper with three individual World Cup victories in a single calendar year since Anders Jacobsen in 2007.
- The last three World Cup victories for Peter Prevc in the men's large hill came in Almaty (Kazakhstan, twice in 2016) and Sapporo (Japan, 2017).
- Maciej Kot could become the fifth Polish jumper to win an individual World Cup event in front of a home crowd, after Stoch (6), Adam Malysz (4), Piotr Fijas (1) and Stanislaw Bobak (1).
- Noriaki Kasai is the oldest ski jumper to win an individual World Cup event (42-176 when he won in Ruka on 29 November 2014) and last season he also broke his own record for oldest ski jumper with an individual podium place as he was 44-293 when he finished third in Planica on 26 March 2017.
- Kasai's last World Cup podium finish in the men's large hill came in Wisla on 4 March 2016 (3rd).
- Kasai could participate in his 29th different World Cup season - since 1988/89, when he made his debut, he has only missed out on the 1994/95 season due to injury.



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