

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL - SKI FLYING – Sunday 18 Mar 2018

Stoch close to winning second overall title

- Kamil Stoch leads the overall World Cup standings by 245 points from Richard Freitag, with only three individual events remaining this season.
- Stoch will claim the overall title if he leads Freitag by at least 200 points after the World Cup in Vikersund.
- Stoch can become the 10th male ski jumper to win the overall title at least twice. He won his only previous overall title in the last Olympic season, in 2013/14.
- At 30, Stoch could become the oldest man to win the World Cup overall standings. Currently, Anders Bardal holds the record as he was 29 years and 207 days old when he won in 2012.
- Stoch claimed his 29th individual World Cup victory in Trondheim last Thursday, surpassing Martin Schmitt in sixth place all-time among men. Jens Weißflog is in fifth place on 33 wins.
- The only Polish ski jumper to claim more individual World Cup victories than Stoch's 29 is Adam Malysz on 39 (third all-time).
- Only two of his 29 victories came in ski flying events: in Planica on 20 March 2011 and in Vikersund on 19 March 2017.
- Stoch can become the second Polish ski jumper to win at least eight individual World Cup events in one season, after Malysz in 2000/01 (11) and 2006/07 (9).

Norwegians hope to shine in front of home crowd

- Andreas Stjernen won the last ski flying event in the World Cup, in Tauplitz/Bad Mitterndorf. He became the eighth Norwegian and the first since Anders Bardal in 2012 to win an individual World Cup ski flying meet.
- Stjernen can become the third Norwegian to win back-to-back individual ski flying events in the World Cup, after Ole Gunnar Fidjestøl in 1987-1989 and Bjørn Einar Romøren in 2005-2006.
- Robert Johansson finished third in Lillehammer on 13 March and in Trondheim on 15 March, his best results in individual World Cup events this season. He also took two bronze medals in both individual events at the Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang.
- Johansson has yet to celebrate his first win in an individual World Cup event.
- Daniel-André Tande won the World Cup in Oslo on 11 March, his fifth individual World Cup win and his first on home snow.
- Tande can join three compatriots to have claimed multiple wins in individual World Cup events on Norwegian snow - Roar Ljøkelsøy (3), Espen Bredesen (2) and Erik Johnsen (2).
- Three Norwegians have previously won an individual World Cup ski flying event in Norway, all in Vikersund: Per Bergerud in 1980, Anders Jacobsen in 2007 and Johan Remen Evensen in 2011.

- Norwegian ski jumpers have won five individual World Cup events this season. The country could win six in one season for the fourth time after 2003/04 (13), 1981/82 (9) and 1980/81 (8).

Several jumpers hoping to profit from ski flying event

- Stefan Kraft has won four of the last six individual World Cup ski flying events, two in Oberstdorf in February 2017 and two in Planica in March 2017.
- Kraft also set a new world record for longest jump last season as he jumped 253.5 metres in the team ski flying event in Vikersund on 18 March 2017.
- Kraft, who claimed eight individual World Cup victories last season (most of all jumpers), is still waiting for his first win of this season. His best result was a second place in Oslo on 11 March and in Trondheim on 15 March.
- Austria is still awaiting its first individual World Cup victory of the season. Their 2000/01 campaign was Austria's last in the World Cup without a single individual victory.
- Simon Ammann claimed his last World Cup podium in the last ski flying event, third in Tauplitz/Bad Mitterndorf last January. It marked his first individual World Cup podium in almost three years.
- Only Gregor Schlierenzauer (19), Robert Kranjec (17) and Adam Malysz (15) have claimed more podiums in individual World Cup ski flying events than Ammann (14). The Swiss, though, has yet to claim his first ski flying victory in the World Cup.
- Noriaki Kasai is the only ski jumper to have finished in the top-five in each the last four World Cup ski flying events.
- Three of Kasai's last four individual World Cup podiums came in ski flying: in Vikersund in 2016 (third) and 2017 (second) and in Planica in 2017 (second).
- Kasai has won three World Cups in individual ski flying of which two in the last century. He won in Harrachov at the 1992 FIS Ski Flying World Championships (part of World Cup), in Planica in 1999 and in Tauplitz/Bad Mitterndorf in 2014.
- Andreas Wellinger finished in second place in four of the last six individual ski flying events in the World Cup, all behind Kraft. The last German ski jumper to win a World Cup ski flying event was Severin Freund in Vikersund on 15 February 2015.

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