

## PREVIEW Men TEAM - LARGE HILL – Saturday 3 Mar 2018

### First World Cup appearance for Olympic champions Norway

- On Monday 19 February 2018, Norway won the Olympic title in the men's team large hill event in PyeongChang. It was the first gold medal for the Norwegians in this event.
- Norway finished ahead of Germany (silver) and Poland (bronze).
- Since the introduction of the men's team large hill event in the World Cup in 1992, only two Olympic champions in this event won the first World Cup event after the Games: Japan in Willingen in 1999 and Austria in Lahti in 2006.
- In 2014, Olympic champions Germany finished second in the first event after the Winter Games in Lahti . They finished second behind Austria, who had won silver in Sochi.
- In the last men's team large hill event in the World Cup before the Winter Games, in Zakopane on 27 January, Norway's winning streak of five came to an end as they finished in third place behind Poland and Germany.
- Norway missed out on equalling Austria's record run of six World Cup team victories from November 2010 - November 2011.
- Norway have won the last three men's team events held in Finland, including the most recent in Lahti (7 March 2015).
- Norway could become the first team to win consecutive World Cup events in Lahti since Austria in 2011-2012 (large hill, normal hill).
- Only Austria (13) have claimed more podium finishes in team events in Lahti than Norway (12).

### Poland looking for consecutive victories

- Poland won the most recent team event in the World Cup, the large hill in front of a home crowd in Zakopane on 27 January.
- Poland could win consecutive men's team events in the World Cup for the first time.
- The last team other than Norway to win successive World Cup events was Germany in November 2015 - January 2016 (Klingenthal, Willingen).
- Poland (three victories) could equal Japan (four) in sixth place for most men's team victories in the World Cup.
- The best result for Poland in a team event held in Finland is a third place, on three occasions and all in Lahti (2011 large hill, 2012 normal hill, 2013 large hill).
- Only in Zakopane (4) have Poland claimed more podium finishes than in Lahti (3).

### Germany hoping to end winless run

- Germany have failed to win any of the last eight men's team events in the World Cup, since their victory in Zakopane on 21 January 2017.

- Germany did not finish on the podium in six of the eight events since, four times in second place and three times in third.
- Germany have not gone nine World Cup team events in a row without a victory since a 12-event winning drought from 2010-2012.
- Including world championships and Olympic Games, Germany have failed to win any of the last 11 team events. They finished second in PyeongChang.
- Only in front of a home crowd in Willingen (12) have Germany recorded more podium finishes in team events than in Lahti (8). Their only win in Lahti came in 2013 (large hill).

### **Austria aiming to stop misery at favourite venue**

- Austria have won seven men's team events in the World Cup in Lahti. No other team has won more than four times at a specific venue.
- Their 13 podium finishes here are joint-most for one team at a specific venue - Austria also claimed 13 podium finishes in Willingen.
- Austria have won only one men's team event in the last four World Cup seasons (since 2014/15), in Oslo on 11 March 2017.
- Austria also missed out on the medals at the world ski flying championships (fifth) and Olympic Winter Games (fourth).
- Gregor Schlierenzauer (AUT) has won a joint-record 16 World Cup team events, alongside compatriot Thomas Morgenstern.

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