

## PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL - LARGE HILL – Sunday 11 Mar 2018

### Stoch hoping to climb on all-time table

- Kamil Stoch won the last individual World Cup event, the large hill in Lahti on Sunday.
- It was his sixth individual victory this season after winning all four events at the Four Hills tournament and the large hill event at the Olympic Winter Games.
- Stoch has won 27 individual World Cup events, one shy from equalling Martin Schmitt in sixth place all-time among men.
- Stoch (25) could become the fourth ski jumper with at least 26 World Cup victories in men's large hill events, after Gregor Schlierenzauer (36), Janne Ahonen (31), and Adam Malysz (31).
- Only in 2013/14 (six) and 2016/17 (seven), Stoch won more individual World Cup events than this season (five).

### Norway eyeing first win in Oslo in 14 years

- The last Norwegian jumper to win an individual World Cup event on home snow was Kenneth Gangnes when he won the normal hill in Lillehammer on 6 December 2015. The last Norwegian to win a World Cup on a large hill in front of a home crowd was Anders Bardal in Trondheim on 7 March 2014.
- In Oslo, the last jumper from Norway to claim an individual win in the World Cup was Roar Ljøkelsøy in 2004.
- Norwegian jumpers have won four individual World Cup events this season. Anders Fannemel won in Engelberg, Andreas Stjernen in Tauplitz, and Daniel-André Tande (3 February) and Johann André Forfang (4 February) in Willingen.
- The last time Norway won more individual events within a single World Cup season was in 2007/08 (five).
- Robert Johansson, eighth in the overall World Cup standings and bronze medallist in both the normal and large hill in PyeongChang, has yet to win his first individual event in the World Cup.
- Norway could equal the record of most different jumpers from one country winning at least once in a World Cup season: five by Austria (1991/92, 2002/03) and Finland (1995/96).

### Can Kraft be successful in Norway again?

- Last season, Stefan Kraft won the inaugural edition of the Raw Air tournament which included his individual World Cup wins in Oslo and Trondheim.
- These two wins in Norway are Kraft's last World Cup victories in individual large hill events.

- Kraft could become the third jumper to win successive individual World Cup events in Oslo, after Adam Malysz (2006, 2007) and Severin Freund (2014, two wins in 2015).
- Austrian jumpers have yet to record a top-two finish in an individual World Cup event this season. Austria's best result are the four third-places recorded by Kraft.
- Only twice, Austria failed to win a single individual event in a World Cup campaign: in 1988/89 and 2000/01.

### **Germany targeting more success**

- German jumpers have already won four individual events this World Cup season: three by Richard Freitag and one by Andreas Wellinger. The last time Germany had more in a single season was 2014/15 (11).
- Last Sunday, in Lahti, Markus Eisenbichler became the third jumper to claim an individual World Cup podium for Germany this season, after Freitag (8) and Wellinger (6).
- Wellinger (24) is one podium finish shy of his 25th in individual World Cup events. He could become the sixth German (including West and East Germany) to reach this milestone. Freitag is on 23 podiums.
- German jumpers (including West and East Germany) have won five individual World Cup events in Oslo, including three wins by Severin Freund. Only Austria (10), Norway (6) and Poland (6) have won more in the Norwegian capital.

### **Already more different winners than last season**

- This season, 10 different jumpers have won the 16 individual World Cup events held. Only Kamil Stoch (5) and Richard Freitag (3) have won multiple World Cup events.
- Last campaign, the 27 individual World Cup events were won by nine different athletes.
- The last season in which there were more different winners was in 2014/15 (13). The record for most was set in the inaugural World Cup season: 16 in 1979/80.
- The last five events were won by five different jumpers. The last time there was a longer run of different winners was in January 2015 (eight different winners of eight consecutive events).

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