

PREVIEW Men INDIVIDUAL - LARGE HILL – Sunday 4 Mar 2018

Stoch and Wellinger return after success in PyeongChang

- At the Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang last month, Andreas Wellinger (GER, normal hill) and Kamil Stoch (POL, large hill) won the gold medal in the individual men's events.
- Since 1998, only one Olympic champion (normal or large hill) won the first individual World Cup event after the Games. In 2010, Simon Ammann (SUI) won both the normal and large hill Olympic gold medal (Vancouver) and then won the first four individual World Cup events after the Games (including first in Lahti).
- In 2014, Stoch won both Olympic titles but finished fourth in the first World Cup event after the Games, in Falun on 26 February 2014. Severin Freund (GER) won there.
- Stoch has won five individual events this season: the four events at the Four Hills tournament and the large hill event at the Winter Games.
- Stoch has won 26 individual World Cup events, seventh most all-time among men. Martin Schmitt (GER, 28) is in sixth place.
- Stoch (24) could become the fifth ski jumper with at least 25 World Cup victories in men's large hill events, after Schlierenzauer (36), Janne Ahonen (FIN, 31), Malysz (31) and Matti Nykänen (FIN, 25).
- Only in 2013/2014 (six) and 2016/17 (seven), Stoch won more individual World Cup events than this season (four).
- Stoch has won three individual events in Finland (2013-2014, all large hill), including once in Lahti on 2 March 2014.
- Andreas Wellinger's last individual World Cup victory came in Nizhny Tagil on 3 December 2017.
- 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.

Norwegians hoping to continue winning

- Three of the last four individual World Cup events were won by Norwegian jumpers, including the last two: Andreas Stjernen (NOR, 13 January in Tauplitz - ski flying), Daniel-André Tande (NOR, 3 February in Willingen) and Johann André Forfang (NOR, 4 February in Willingen).
- The last time Norwegian jumpers won three consecutive individual events was in March 2004 - four in a row (two by Bjørn Einar Romøren, two by Roar Ljøkelsøy).
- That run started with the last individual win by a Norwegian jumper in Lahti, as Romøren won here on 7 March 2004.
- Next to Romøren, the only other Norwegian to win an individual men's event in Lahti was Ole Bremseth (twice in March 1982).

- In total, Norwegian jumpers have already won four individual World Cup events this season, joint-most alongside Germany and Poland. Anders Fannemel (NOR) won in Engelberg on 16 December 2017.
- The last time Norway won more individual events within a single season was in 2007/08 (five).
- Robert Johansson (NOR), sixth 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 a specific country winning once in a World Cup season, five by Austria (1991/92, 2002/03) and Finland (1995/96).

Already more different winners than last season

- This World Cup season, 10 different jumpers have won an individual men's event (15 events). There are seven individual World Cup events left on the calendar.
- Last season, we had nine different winners of the 27 individual events held.
- The last season in which there were more different winners was in 2014/15 (13). The record for most is from the inaugural World Cup season: 16 in 1979/80.
- Only Kamil Stoch (4) and Richard Freitag (GER, 3) have claimed multiple wins this season.
- Stoch is the only jumper to have won consecutive events this season (all four at Four Hills tournament).
- 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).

Other contenders

- German jumpers have already won four individual events this season (three by Richard Freitag, one by Andreas Wellinger). The last time Germany had more in a single season was 2014/15 (11).
- All of the 14 podium finishes this World Cup season for Germany were claimed by Freitag (8) or Wellinger (6).
- Michael Hayböck (AUT) won the last two individual World Cup events in Lahti (February 2016, large hill and normal hill). Hayböck could become the fourth jumper on at least three individual wins here, after Matti Nykänen (FIN, 8), Andreas Felder (AUT, 4) and Adam Malysz (POL, 3).
- The last victory for Hayböck came on 16 December 2016 in Engelberg. His best finish this season was a 10th place in Innsbruck in January.
- Austrian jumpers have yet to record a top-two finish in an individual event this season. The best result was a third place for Stefan Kraft (AUT, three times).
- Only twice, Austria failed to win a single individual event in a World Cup campaign: 1988/89 and 2000/01. They claimed respectively four and eight podium finishes in those seasons.