

Preview Ski Jumping 2018/2019 World Cup

Stoch looking for third overall World Cup title

- Kamil Stoch clinched his second overall World Cup title last season, after 2013/14. The Polish ski jumper is now hoping to become the fourth male athlete with at least three overall World Cup titles, after compatriot Adam Malysz (4), Matti Nykänen (4) and Andreas Goldberger (3),
- Stoch can become the first ski jumper to win the overall World Cup two years in a row since Janne Ahonen in 2004-2005.
- Stoch can become the second ski jumper from Poland to successfully defend his overall World Cup title after Malysz, who won three in a row between 2000/01 and 2002/03.
- Stoch won nine individual World Cup events in 2017/18, at least six more than any other ski jumper (Richard Freitag 3). Stoch claimed eight of his nine wins after the turn of the year.
- Stoch has won 31 individual World Cup events and needs two more victories to join Jens Weißflog (33) in fifth place all-time among men. Malysz (39) and Ahonen (36) are in third and fourth place respectively.
- Last year, Stoch became only the second ski jumper to win all four events of a single Four Hills Tournament, after Sven Hannawald in 2002.
- Stoch, who also won the 2016/17 Four Hills Tournament, is now hoping to become the second ski jumper to win the competition three editions in a row. Björn Wirkola won three consecutive Four Hills titles in 1966/67, 1967/68 and 1968/69.
- Only Ahonen (5), Weißflog (4), Wirkola (3) and Helmuth Recknagel (3) have won the Four Hills Tournament at least three times.

Freitag aiming for highest step

- Richard Freitag finished in second place in last season's overall World Cup, 373 points behind champion Kamil Stoch.
- Freitag is hoping to become the fourth male ski jumper from Germany (including as West and East Germany) to win the overall World Cup title, after Severin Freund (2014/15), Martin Schmitt (1998/99 and 1999/2000) and Jens Weißflog (1983/84).
- Last season, Freitag won three of the opening seven individual World Cup events and finished on the podium in seven of the first nine (G3-S4-B0). He last topped the overall World Cup standings on 3 February, when he had finished in second place at the first large hill event in Willingen.
- Only Stoch (13, G9-S3-B1) recorded more top-three finishes in individual World Cup events last season than Freitag (8, G3-S5-B0).
- Freitag's three wins and eight podium finishes last season are both a personal-high for him in a single World Cup campaign.

Tande eyeing more podium finishes

- Daniel-André Tande finished in third place in the overall World Cup standings in each of the last two seasons.
- Tande is aiming to become the fourth ski jumper from Norway to claim the overall World Cup title, after Anders Bardal (2011/12), Espen Bredesen (1993/94) and Vegard Opaas (1986/87).
- Tande is the only ski jumper to have won at least one individual World Cup event in each of the last three seasons.
- Tande has claimed 18 podium finishes in individual World Cup events (G5-S9-B4). Last season, he won two, both in the large hill - in Willingen on 3 February and in Oslo on 11 March.
- With 18 podium spots in individual World Cup events, Tande is in sixth place all-time among Norwegian male ski jumpers. Tande needs three more podium finishes to join Bredesen (21) in fifth place.

Kraft hoping to repeat 2016/17 season

- Stefan Kraft won the 2016/17 overall World Cup and can become the fifth ski jumper from Austria to win multiple overall titles, after Andreas Goldberger (3), Thomas Morgenstern (2), Armin Kogler (2) and Gregor Schlierenzauer (2).
- Last season, Kraft recorded eight podium finishes in individual World Cup events but failed to claim a single victory (G0-S3-B5). His last win came on 26 March 2017, when he won the sky flying event in Planica.
- Last season marked only the third time that Austrian ski jumpers failed to win a single individual World Cup event (since introduction World Cup in 1979/80), after 1988/89 and 2000/01.
- Only Kamil Stoch (13) recorded more top-three finishes in individual World Cup events last season than Kraft (8).
- Kraft and Peter Prevc are the only ski jumpers to have reached the podium in an individual World cup event in each of the last six seasons.
- Kraft, who won the 2016/17 overall ski flying World Cup, can join Schlierenzauer (3) and Goldberger (2) as only ski jumpers from Austria with multiple ski flying World Cup titles.

Other contenders

- Evergreen **Noriaki Kasai** is still going strong at the age of 46. Last February, Kasai made a record eighth appearance at the Olympic Winter Games. He made his debut in 1992 in Albertville.
- On 29 November 2014, Kasai became the oldest ski jumper to win an individual World Cup event as he was 42 years and 176 days old when he won in Ruka. Kasai also holds the record for oldest ski jumper to reach the podium in an individual World Cup event. He finished in third place in Planica on 26 March 2017, at the age of 44 years and 293 days.
- **Andreas Wellinger**, the reigning Olympic champion in the normal hill event, was not even born when Kasai made his Olympic Games debut in 1992. Wellinger finished in sixth place in last season's overall World Cup.

- Only Kamil Stoch (25) and Stefan Kraft (25) have recorded more top-three finishes in individual World Cup events since the start of 2016/17 than Wellinger (18, G2-S10-B6).
- Last season, **Andreas Stjernen** become the first Norwegian ski jumper to win the overall ski flying World Cup title. This century, only one ski jumper won the overall ski flying title in consecutive World Cup seasons: Peter Prevc, three in a row from 2013/14 to 2015/16.
- **Domen Prevc** failed to win an individual World Cup event last season. Domen's last victory came in Engelberg (large hill) on 18 December 2016.

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