

PREVIEW Men INDIVIDUAL - LARGE HILL – 24-25 Nov 2018

Can Klimov follow up surprising win in season opener?

- Evgeniy Klimov won the opening individual World Cup event in Wisla (large hill) last Sunday to become the first male ski jumper representing Russia (including Soviet Union) with a World Cup victory.
- Including team events, Pavel Karelin (3), Denis Komilov (3) and Dimitry Vassiliev (12) are the only male ski jumpers from Russia (including Soviet Union) with more top-three finishes in the World Cup than Klimov (2), who finished in third place in the large hill event in Innsbruck on 4 January 2017.
- The only man from Russia with more than two individual World Cup podium finishes is Vassiliev (9).
- The last ski jumper to win the opening two (and three) individual events of a World Cup season was Andreas Kofler in 2011/12.
- The last ski jumper to claim the overall World Cup title after winning the first two (and three) individual World Cup events was Thomas Morgenstern in 2007/08.

Ruka place to be for Ammann

- Last year's winner Jemej Damjan can become the first ski jumper to win the individual large hill event in Ruka in consecutive World Cup seasons since Andreas Kofler in 2010/11-2011/12.
- Simon Ammann has won three individual large hill World Cup events in Ruka, most of all athletes. His last victory in the Finnish town came on 29 November 2014, when he had to share the win with then 42-year-old Noriaki Kasai.
- With 42 years and 176 days, Kasai became the oldest winner of an individual World Cup event that day, a record that still stands.
- Ammann has reached the podium in six individual World Cup events in Ruka, joint-most together with Janne Ahonen.
- Ammann (2014/15) and Ahonen (2004/05) are the only ski jumpers with multiple individual World Cup wins in Ruka in a single season.
- The last ski jumper from Finland to reach the podium in an individual World Cup event in front of a home crowd in Ruka was Arttu Lappi (FIN), who won the large hill on 24 November 2006.

Kobayashi on the hunt for second podium

- Ryoyu Kobayashi started his individual World Cup season by finishing third in Wisla last week, behind Stephan Leyhe and winner Evgeniy Klimov. It was Kobayashi's first podium finish in an individual World Cup event.
- Kobayashi can now become the first ski jumper from Japan to claim a top-three finish in both the opening two individual World Cup events of a season.
- The last ski jumper from Japan to win an individual World Cup event in Ruka was Noriaki Kasai on 29 November 2014 (shared win with Simon Ammann).
- Leyhe (2nd) also claimed his first podium finish in an individual World Cup event in Wisla last week. On 26 November 2016, Severin Freund was the last ski jumper from Germany to win an individual World Cup event in Ruka.
- German jumpers have failed to win any of the 15 individual World Cup events in 2018. On 17 December 2017, Richard Freitag was the last ski jumper to hand Germany an individual World Cup win (large hill in Engelberg).
- In 2010, Germany last failed to claim a single win in an individual World Cup event.

Stoch needs double win to match Weißflog

- Kamil Stoch, fourth in the season opener in Wisla on Sunday, won the overall World Cup standings last season. It was his second overall title, after 2013/14.
- Stoch has won 31 individual World Cup events, sixth most all-time among men. Stoch needs two more wins to join Jens Weißflog (33) in fifth place.
- Stoch has won eight individual World Cup events in this calendar year. The only other jumper with multiple wins in 2018 is Daniel-André Tande (2).
- Only Adam Malysz in 2007 (9) and 2001 (17) managed to claim more than eight individual World Cup victories for Poland in a single calendar year.
- In the previous eight years (2010-2017), only three ski jumpers won more than eight individual World Cup events in a single calendar year: Peter Prevc in 2016 (12), Severin Freund in 2015 (11) and Gregor Schlierenzauer in 2013 (9).
- Stoch has won four individual World Cup events in Finland but has yet to claim his first victory in Ruka. His best result in Ruka was a fourth-place finish in the large hill on 27 November 2011.
- Stoch can become the first ski jumper from Poland to win an individual large hill World Cup event in Ruka. Malysz finished second three times in Ruka.



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Can Kraft end Austria's winning drought?

- Stefan Kraft finished in 21st place in Wisla last week. On 26 March 2017, Kraft was the last ski jumper from Austria to claim an individual World Cup victory, as he won the final event of the 2016/17 season in Planica (ski flying).
- Austria are now 23 individual World Cup events without a victory. The last time Austrian jumpers failed to win more consecutive individual World Cup events was between January 2005 and January 2006: 29 in a row.
- Kraft and Peter Prevc are the only ski jumpers to have reached the podium in an individual World Cup event in each of the previous six seasons (2018/19 not included).

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