

PREVIEW MEN'S TEAM - SKI FLYING – Saturday 23 Mar 2019

Slovenia

- Slovenia won the ski flying World Cup team event in Vikersund last week. It could become the first country other than Norway to win successive World Cup team events since Germany won in Klingenthal and Willingen in 2015/16 (both large hills).
- Slovenia could win successive World Cup team events for the third time, after March 2013 to January 2014 (3 in a row) and January to February 2013.
- Slovenia has won 10 team events in the World Cup, including four in ski flying: Oberstdorf (2012), Planica (2013, 2015) and Vikersund (2019).
- Slovenia (4) is level with Finland (4) in third-place for most World Cup ski flying team event victories, behind Norway (8) and Austria (5).

Norway

- Norway had won each of the last five ski flying team World Cup events before Slovenia won in Vikersund last week.
- Norway has won an all-time record eight World Cup ski flying team events, leading Austria (5), Finland (4), Slovenia (4) and Germany (1).
- Norway has won a record five World Cup ski flying team events in Planica, including the last three. The only other country with three successive World Cup ski flying team wins in Planica is Finland (2001-2003).
- Johann André Forfang has won 11 World Cups in team events, most for an athlete not hailing from Austria (Gregor Schlierenzauer 17, Thomas Morgenstern 16, Andreas Kofler 15, Martin Koch 11).

Poland

- Poland is the only country with multiple World Cup team victories this season, winning in Wisla and Willingen.
- Poland could claim three World Cup team event victories in one season for the first time.
- Poland has yet to win a World Cup team event in ski flying. It finished on the podium on four occasions, most recently a second place in Vikersund on 17 March 2018.
- Kamil Stoch is Poland's only athlete to have been involved in all four World Cup podium finishes in the team event in ski flying.

Other contenders

- On 24 February, **Germany** won the world title in the men's team large hill event in Austria. It was the first world title for Germany in the men's team event since 2001.
- Germany has won one World Cup team event in ski flying, in Planica in March 2000. Germany finished second in Vikersund last week.

- **Austria** last won a World Cup team event in ski flying in March 2012, in Planica.
- Austria finished in third place in Vikersund last week, equalling Norway on a record 17 podium finishes in ski flying World Cup team events.
- **Japan** has never won a World Cup team event in ski flying. Its only podium finishes were two third-place finishes in Planica in 2000 and 2001.
- Japan has finished on the podium in World Cup team events twice this season. Japan had at least three podium finishes in 1995/96 (3) and 2000/01 (3).
- Japan has won four team events in the World Cup, but not since winning in Salt Lake City on 19 January 2001.

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