

PREVIEW Men TEAM - LARGE HILL – Saturday 23 Nov 2019

Poland

- Last season, Poland won the Nations Cup ahead of Germany and Japan.
- Poland could become the first country to win the Nations Cup in consecutive seasons since Austria's run of eight successive Nations Cup victories between 2004/05 and 2011/12.
- Poland (win in 2016/17 and 2018/19, 3rd in 2017/18) are one of two countries to finish on the Nations Cup podium in each of the last three seasons, next to Germany.
- Poland (3) was the only nation to win multiple team events last season. Germany, Austria, Norway and Slovenia all won one event.
- After winning last season's final team event, the ski flying in Planica on 23 March, Poland could now claim successive World Cup team event victories for the first time.
- Wisla will be the venue of the opening World Cup team event for the third successive season. In 2017/18, Norway won and last season, Poland emerged victorious in front of a home crowd.
- The last country to win the opening team event in consecutive World Cup seasons was Germany in 2014-2015, both times in Klingenthal.
- Poland have claimed seven podium finishes in team events in front of a home crowd in Poland (G2-S3-B2), more than they have claimed in any other country (5 in Germany).

Austria

- Austria have failed to reach the podium in the Nations Cup in two consecutive seasons for the first time. Austria finished fourth in each of the last two campaigns.
- Austria have won the most Nations Cup titles (18) and have claimed the most podium finishes in the Nations Cup (34).
- Austria (29) have won the most World Cup team events, four ahead of Norway (25). No other country has won more than 13 team events.
- Austria have claimed joint-most podium finishes in team events on Polish snow (7, alongside Poland), but they never won in Poland (G0-S4-B3).
- Austria could become the first country to win a World Cup team event in seven different host countries. They currently share the record of six with Norway and Finland.
- Gregor Schlierenzauer has won a record 17 World Cup team events. Schlierenzauer's 34 podium finishes in team events are also a record.

Other contenders

- **Germany** won the last World Cup team event held in Poland, the large hill in Zakopane on 19 January 2019. Germany (3) have won the most World Cup team events in Poland. Norway, Poland and Slovenia all won two.

- Germany have finished on the podium in 11 of the last 14 team events (G2-S8-B1). The only exceptions were the large hill in Oslo on 10 March 2018 (4th), the ski flying in Vikersund on 17 March 2018 (4th) and the large hill in Oslo on 9 March 2019 (5th).
- Richard Freitag has claimed 30 podium finishes in World Cup team events and could surpass Thomas Morgenstern (30) in second place all-time. Only Gregor Schlierenzauer (34) has recorded more top three finishes.
- Last season, **Norway** (5th) failed to reach the podium of the Nations Cup for the third time in the last six seasons. Between 2002/03 and 2012/13, Norway had finished on the podium of the Nations Cup in 11 consecutive seasons.
- Norway finished on the podium only once in a World Cup team event last season as they won the large hill in Oslo on 9 March. Prior to last season, Norway had finished on the podium in 10 consecutive World Cup team events, including eight victories.
- **Slovenia** could finish on the podium in a third consecutive team event, after the ski flying events in Vikersund (1st) and Planica (3rd). The only time Slovenia claimed three consecutive World Cup team podiums was between March 2013 and January 2014, when they won three World Cups in a row.
- **Japan** have won four team events in the World Cup, but not since their victory in Salt Lake City on 19 January 2001.
- In the last three seasons, the winner of the opening team event went on to win the Nations Cup.

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