

PREVIEW MEN'S TEAM LARGE HILL – Saturday 14 Dec 2019

Austria

- Austria (Daniel Huber, Jan Hörl, Philipp Aschenwald, Stefan Kraft) won the first team event of the season in Wisla on 23 November. In the last three seasons, the winner of the opening team event went on to win the Nations Cup.
- Austria could now win back-to-back team events in the World Cup for the first time since March 2014 in Lahti and Planica. Since then, 33 World Cup team events have gone by without successive wins for Austria.
- Last season, no country managed to win successive World Cup team events. The last nation to win consecutive team events was Norway in March 2018.
- The last time Austria won the opening two team events of a World Cup season was in 2010/11, when they won all five.
- Austria (30) has won the most World Cup team events, five ahead of Norway (25).
- Austria won a record six World Cup team events on German snow, but not since winning in Oberstdorf on 6 February 2011.

Poland

- Last season's Nations Cup winners Poland started off their campaign with a third place in front of a home crowd in Wisla.
- On two previous occasions, Poland started their World Cup team campaign with successive podium finishes - in 2016/17, when they reached the podium in all six events, and in 2018/19 (first 2).
- Poland won three of the last four World Cup team events held in Germany, with the only exception a second place in Titisee-Neustadt in December 2017.
- Poland claimed all six of its World Cup team wins with Kamil Stoch and Dawid Kubacki in its line-up.
- Piotr Zyla (19) could become the second Polish jumper to claim 20+ World Cup podiums in team events, after Stoch (25).

Other contenders

- **Germany** won two of the previous four World Cup team events held in Klingenthal, in 2014/15 and 2015/16. The other wins went to **Slovenia** in 2013/14 and **Poland** in 2016/17.
- 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.
- **Norway** came in second in the team season opener in Wisla. They could already surpass their number of podium finishes of last season (1), when they won the large hill in Oslo on 9 March.



- Last season, **Slovenia** failed to jump to the podium in their first three World Cup events, before claiming one win and two third places in the last four events.
- **Japan** have won four team events in the World Cup, but not since their victory in Salt Lake City on 19 January 2001. They came in third in last season's Nations Cup.

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