

SKI FLYING INDIVIDUAL - PLANICA, 17-20 MARCH 2016

Planica set for season finale

- > The last three individual World Cup events of the 2015/16 season will be held in Planica.
- > Four of the last five individual World Cups in Planica have been won by Slovenian jumpers, including the last three. Jurij Tepeš (SLO) and Peter Prevc (SLO) both won twice in this span.
- > Prevc has six individual World Cup podium places in Planica (G2-S2-B2), only Martin Koch (AUT, 8) and Adam Malysz (POL, 7) have more.
- > Austria are currently in fourth place in the Nations Cup standings. The last season in which Austria failed to reach the podium in the Nations Cup standings was 1996/97.
- > The best Austrian jumper in the individual World Cup standings is Michael Hayböck (AUT) in fourth place, while Stefan Kraft (AUT) is in third place in the ski flying World Cup standings.
- > The last season in which Austria missed the podium in each of the three end-of-season standings was 1996/97.

Prevc on verge of breaking single season record

- > Peter Prevc (SLO) has equalled Gregor Schlierenzauer's (AUT) single season victory record total of 13 individual World Cup wins (2008/09). He has now three individual events to take the outright record.
- > Prevc finished in second place behind Johann André Forfang (NOR) in the most recent individual World Cup (Titisee-Neustadt).
- > With his 19th individual podium spot this season (G13-S4-B2), Schlierenzauer's record of 20 individual podium places (G13-S3-B4) in a single season (2008/09) is still within reach for Prevc.
- > Prevc is 60 points shy (2023 points) from Schlierenzauer's record number of points (2083 in 2008/09) in the individual World Cup standings of a single season.
- > Prevc can become the first jumper to win both the individual World Cup and the individual Ski Flying World Cup in a single season since Schlierenzauer in 2012/13.
- > Prevc can become the first to win the individual Ski Flying World Cup in three successive seasons.

Kasai set for 500th World Cup start

- > Noriaki Kasai (JPN) has made 499 individual World Cup starts and is set to become the first jumper to reach 500.
- > His first World Cup appearance came on 17 December 1988 in Sapporo in front of a home crowd.

- > Only one of the other nine jumpers currently in the top-10 of the individual World Cup standings was already born when Kasai made his first World Cup appearance: Severin Freund (GER, 11 May 1988).
- > His first podium finish came on 28 February 1992 in Lahti when he finished in third place.
- > Kasai won his first individual World Cup event in Harrachov on 23 March 1992 which was a world championship ski flying.
- > Kasai has won a total of 17 individual World Cup and has finished on the podium on 61 occasions (G17-S12-B32).
- > Kasai holds the record for oldest winner of an individual World Cup event after winning in Ruka on 29 November 2014 (42 years, 176 days).
- > He also has the record for oldest medallist at an individual World Cup event, after claiming a third place in Wisla on 4 March 2016 (43 years, 272 days).

Norway for nation record podium finishes

- > Last week in Titisee-Neustadt, Johann André Forfang (NOR) became the fourth Norwegian to win an individual World Cup this season, equal to their record number of 2007/08 and 1980/81.
- > Six different Norwegian jumpers have finished on the podium of an individual World Cup event this season. Only in 1980/81 and 1984/85 Norway had more (7).
- > Norway can win back-to-back individual World Cup events for the first time since January 2013, when Anders Bardal (NOR) won in Wisla and Anders Jacobsen (NOR) in Zakopane.
- > Norway need one more podium finish this weekend to set a new nation record for most podium finishes in individual and team World Cup events combined in a single season. They are now on 26 podium finishes, equal to their amount of 2003/04 and 2007/08.
- > Norway are leading the 2015/16 Nations Cup by 1246 points, winning the up for only the second time in the last 12 seasons after 2012/13.
- > It marks Norway's seventh Nations Cup win, equalling Finland in second place. Only Austria have won more 18.

Freund hoping to end winning drought

- > After winning five individual World Cup events in the year 2014 and 11 in 2015, Severin Freund is still without a victory in 2016.
- > Freund won one individual World Cup event in Planica (21 March 2014) and claimed one additional podium finish (2nd on 23 March 2014). Both events were Large Hill World Cups.
- > Freund has now been on the podium seven times in 2016 in individual events (S3-B4). Only in 2014 (12) and 2015 (16), the German claimed more medals during individual World Cup events.



> Freund's last victory came in Oberstdorf on 29 December 2015, during the Four Hills Tournament.

> Coming into this weekend, Freund has missed the podium in 10 of his last 13 individual World Cup appearances.

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