

## PREVIEW Ski Jumping 2022/2023 World Cup - Men

### Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu Kobayashi won the overall World Cup in the 2021/22 season. He is the only non-European male winner of the overall World Cup, lifting the globe in 2018/19 and last season.
- Kobayashi can become the fourth man to win the overall World Cup at least three times, after Matti Nykänen (4), Adam Malysz (4) and Andreas Goldberger (3).
- The most recent man to win the overall World Cup in successive seasons was Janne Ahonen in 2003/04 and 2004/05.
- Kobayashi also won the 2021/22 Four Hills Tournament. He could become the first man to win the overall World Cup-Four Hills Tournament double in back-to-back years.
- Kobayashi can claim his third title at the Four Hills Tournament this season, having won the competition in 2018/19 and 2021/22. He could join Janne Ahonen (5), Jens Weißflog (4), Helmut Recknagel (3), Bjørn Wirkola (3) and Kamil Stoch (3) on at least three wins at the tournament.
- Kobayashi has won 27 World Cup events, one short of moving into joint-11th all-time alongside Severin Freund (28). The top 10 all-time of World Cup event winners is within his reach this year (Martin Schmitt in 10th with 30 event wins).

### Karl Geiger

- Karl Geiger recorded his second runner-up finish in the overall World Cup standings last season, after his second-place finish in 2019/20.
- In the last seven seasons, the runner-up of the previous season won the overall World Cup standings in the following season three times: Peter Prevc in 2015/16, Kamil Stoch in 2017/18 and Stefan Kraft in 2019/20.
- Geiger could become the fourth German man to lift the overall World Cup standings crystal globe after Jens Weißflog (1983/84, representing East Germany), Martin Schmitt (1998/99 and 1999/2000) and Severin Freund (2014/15).

### Other contenders

- **Kamil Stoch** won the overall World Cup on two previous occasions, in 2013/14 and 2017/18. Only Matti Nykänen (4), Adam Malysz (4) and Andreas Goldberger (3) have won the men's overall more than twice.
- Stoch has finished on the podium in the overall World Cup standings six times, most recently a third place in 2020/21. Only Janne Ahonen (8; G2-S2-B4) has more podium finishes in the overall World Cup standings.
- Stoch has won 46 World Cup events in his career, joint-second on the all-time list alongside Janne Ahonen and Matti Nykänen (both 46). Stoch's last World Cup event win was the individual large hill event in Titisee-Neustadt on 9 January 2021.

- **Marius Lindvik** won the Olympic gold medal in the individual large hill event at the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games, becoming the first Norwegian man to achieve this since Toralf Engan in 1964.
- Lindvik won five individual World Cup events last season, only Ryoyu Kobayashi (8) won more. Lindvik recorded all of those five wins in 2022, most of all ski jumpers.
- Lindvik can become the fifth Norwegian ski jumper to win the overall World Cup after Vegard Opaas (1986/87), Espen Bredesen (1993/94), Anders Bardal (2011/12) and **Halvor Egner Granerud** (2020/21). Only Austria (7) has more than four different winners of the overall crystal globe.
- Granerud can become the first Norwegian man to win the overall World Cup more than once.
- **Stefan Kraft** (2016/17, 2019/20) could win the men's overall for a third time. Only Matti Nykänen (4), Adam Malysz (4) and Andreas Goldberger (3) have won the men's overall more than twice.
- Kraft has recorded 33 wins in World Cup events, third-most amongst Austrian ski jumpers (Gregor Schlierenzauer 70, Thomas Morgenstern 39).
- Only Janne Ahonen (133) and Schlierenzauer (123) have recorded more World Cup podium finishes in all events than Kraft (111).
- At the age of 41, **Simon Ammann** will compete in his 26th World Cup season. Only Noriaki Kasai (30) has made an appearance in as many World Cup seasons.

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