

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL LARGE HILL WILLINGEN – Saturday 3 Feb 2024

Stefan Kraft

- Stefan Kraft (7) won exactly half of the 14 individual men's World Cup events this season. It marks the highest number of wins in a single season by an Austrian man since Kraft himself recorded eight victories in 2016/17.
- The last Austrian man other than Kraft to record at least seven World Cup wins in a single season was Gregor Schlierenzauer, who recorded 10 wins in 2012/13.
- If Kraft (37) wins both events in Willingen, he could tie with Adam Malysz and Kamil Stoch (both 39) for the third-most individual World Cup wins among men.
- In Zakopane, Kraft (109) surpassed Janne Ahonen (108) for most individual World Cup podium finishes among men. On the women's side, only Sara Takanashi (115) achieved as many podium finishes as Kraft.
- Kraft recorded only one podium finish in 15 individual World Cup participations in Willingen, a second place on 29 January 2017 (won by Andreas Wellinger).

Germany

- **Andreas Wellinger** won the individual World Cup event in Willingen on 29 January 2017, but failed to finish on the podium in eight participations here since.
- Wellinger finished on the podium in three out of four individual World Cup events in Germany this season (4th, 3rd, 1st, 3rd, the win was in Oberstdorf on 29 December).
- Only Ryoyu Kobayashi (3) recorded as many podium finishes in Germany this season as Wellinger (3).
- **Karl Geiger** (two wins in Klingenthal) can become the first German man to record more than two individual World Cup wins in Germany in a single season since Sven Hannawald won four in 2001/02 (including one win in Willingen).

Other contenders

- Seven different men have won an individual World Cup event this season (Stefan Kraft, Karl Geiger, Pius Paschke, Andreas Wellinger, Anže Lanišek, Jan Hörl, Ryoyu Kobayashi), that is as many different winners as in 2022/23.
- **Ryoyu Kobayashi** recorded four podium finishes in individual World Cup events in Willingen, including wins on 17 February 2019 and 29 January 2022. He can join Halvor Egner Granerud (4), Kamil Stoch (3) and Noriaki Kasai (3) for most individual World Cup wins in Willingen.
- In the past two seasons, a Slovenian man secured a podium finish in an individual Willingen World Cup event: Cene Prevc (3rd in 2021/22) and

Anže Lanišek (2nd in 2022/23). **Timi Zajc** and **Lovro Kos** seek to continue this streak.

- **Johann André Forfang** is looking for his first individual World Cup podium finish since a first and second place in Nizhny Tagil in December 2018. Forfang won an individual World Cup event in Willingen on 4 February 2018.
- Only Kraft (14) and Wellinger (13) recorded as many individual top-10 finishes this World Cup season as **Jan Hörl** (12).
- **Halvor Egner Granerud** won four of the last six men's individual World Cup events in Willingen (both events in 2021 and in 2023). No other man has won more than three events on this hill.
- Poland (99) is one victory shy of becoming the fifth country to reach 100 men's individual World Cup wins, after Austria, Finland, Norway and Germany (including former East and West Germany).
- **Kamil Stoch** holds the record for the most individual World Cup podium finishes in Willingen (7, including two wins in 2014 and one in 2015).

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