

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL SKI FLYING VIKERSUND – Saturday 18 Mar 2023

Halvor Egner Granerud

- Halvor Egner Granerud (1,878) comes into Vikersund on a 318-point lead in the overall World Cup standings (Dawid Kubacki on 1,560). Granerud could secure his second overall crystal globe, after 2020/21.
- Among active male ski jumpers only Kamil Stoch (2), Stefan Kraft (2) and Ryoyu Kobayashi (2) have managed to win multiple overall crystal globes.
- Granerud (11 wins) can become the fifth male ski jumper to win 12 individual World Cup events in one season, after Peter Prevc (15, 2015/16), Gregor Schlierenzauer (13, 2008/09), Ryoyu Kobayashi (13, 2018/19) and Janne Ahonen (12, 2004/05).
- Granerud won both ski flying World Cup events this season (Bad Mitterndorf). He can become the second Norwegian male to win the ski flying crystal globe, after Andreas Stjernen in 2017/18.
- Granerud can become the first Norwegian male ski jumper to win the Raw Air tournament. He can become the third ski jumper to win the Four Hills Tournament and Raw Air in the same season, after Kamil Stoch (in 2017/18) and Ryoyu Kobayashi (in 2018/19).
- Norwegian ski jumpers won just four out of 23 individual men's World Cup events at the Vikersund venue: Per Bergerud (1980), Anders Jacobsen (2007), Johan Remen Evensen (2011) and Robert Johansson (2018).

Stefan Kraft

- Stefan Kraft (93) surpassed Adam Malysz (92) and is now second for most podium finishes in men's individual World Cup events, behind only Janne Ahonen (108).
- The current world record ski jumping was set by Kraft (253.5 meter) on Vikersund Hill on 18 March 2017.
- Kraft won the Raw Air twice (inaugural edition 2017 and in 2022). Kraft (2) can become the first ski jumper to win the Raw Air three times.
- Kraft has won six individual ski flying World Cup events. He has only Gregor Schlierenzauer (14) and Peter Prevc (7) ahead of him.
- Stefan Kraft (28) can become the seventh man to claim at least 30 victories in individual World Cup events.

Other contenders

- The last 11 men's individual World Cup events on Norwegian ground have been won by eight different men. Only Stefan Kraft won twice in this run.
- **Poland** has won 99 men's individual World Cup events and can become the fifth country to reach the milestone of 100 men's individual World Cup wins, after Austria (265), Norway (151), Finland (148) and Germany (126).
- Poland's last win in a sky flying World Cup event was Piotr Zyla's win in Bad Mitterndorf on 15 February 2020.

- **Dawid Kubacki** is looking for his first individual ski flying World Cup event victory. Kubacki finished second and third respectively in ski flying events in Oberstdorf in February 2019.
- **Kamil Stoch** (5) can equal Adam Malysz (6) as Polish ski jumper to win the most World Cup ski flying events.
- **Anže Lanišek** is second in this season's Raw Air standings. He can become the third Slovenian man to win the Four Hills, Raw Air or overall World Cup, after Primož Peterka (overall World Cup in 1996/97 and 1997/98) and Peter Prevc (overall World Cup in 2015/16).
- Anže Lanišek could win his first ski flying World Cup event, and the 21st for Slovenia. Only Austrians have won more individual ski flying World Cups (43).
- **Ryoyu Kobayashi** won two individual World Cup events this season, both in Sapporo (on 20 and 22 January). His last victory outside of Japan came in Lahti on 27 February 2022.
- Kobayashi (29) can become the seventh man to claim at least 30 victories in individual World Cup events. His best result in Vikersund was a second place on 17 March 2019.
- Kobayashi (3) is level with Noriaki Kasai and Takanobu Okabe as Japanese men on most individual World Cup wins in ski flying.

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