

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL LARGE HILL LAHTI – Friday 1 Mar 2024

Stefan Kraft

- Stefan Kraft (40) comes into Lahti as the man with the third-most individual World Cup wins among men. He surpassed Adam Malysz and Kamil Stoch (39 each) in Oberstdorf last week. Only Gregor Schlierenzauer (53) and Matti Nykänen (46) have more wins.
- Kraft has won 10 of the 22 individual World Cup events this season. It marks the highest number of wins in a single season by an Austrian man since Gregor Schlierenzauer recorded 10 wins in 2012/13.
- Among Austrian men, only Schlierenzauer recorded more than 10 individual wins in a single World Cup season: 13 wins in 2008/09.
- Last season's overall crystal globe winner Halvor Egner Granerud recorded 12 individual World Cup wins.
- Kraft recorded eight podium finishes in individual World Cup events in Lahti, including wins in March 2015, February 2020 and February 2022.
- Only Matti Nykänen (8) and Andreas Felder (4) recorded more individual World Cup wins in Lahti than Kraft (3).
- Only Adam Malysz (16) recorded as many individual World Cup podiums in Finland as Kraft (14), and only Nykänen (8) won more individual World Cup event in Finland than Kraft (6).
- Kraft won the opening two individual World Cup events of this season in Ruka in November. Only Michael Hayböck (3) won more than two individual men's World Cup events in Finland in a single season.

Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Since the beginning of the Four Hills Tournament, Ryoyu Kobayashi finished second in nine of the 14 men's individual World Cup events. Kobayashi (9) has equalled Anže Lanišek's record of most runner-up finishes in individual World Cup events in a single season, set in 2022/23.
- Kobayashi only recorded as many individual World Cup podium finishes in 2018/19 (21) as in this season (12).
- Kobayashi (31 wins) is two wins short of equalling Jens Weißflog (33) in seventh place all-time for most individual World Cup wins among men.
- Kobayashi only recorded more individual World Cup wins on German hills (10) than on Finnish hills (5).
- Kobayashi won the individual World Cup event in Lahti last season on 26 March, ahead of Stefan Kraft and Karl Geiger.

Other contenders

- The 22 individual World Cup events this season have been won by 11 different men. Not since 2014/15 (13) have there been more different winners of individual World Cup events in a single World Cup season.
- **Andreas Wellinger** only claimed multiple individual World Cup victories in 2022/23 and 2023/24 (two each), and only in 2016/17 (12) did he record as many individual WC podium finishes as this season (10).
- Wellinger participated in nine individual World Cup events in Lahti, with his best result being an eighth place on 4 March 2018. Lahti is the only resort he made more than six individual World Cup starts without a single podium finish.
- **Karl Geiger** is looking for his first individual World Cup podium since his wins in Klingenthal on 9 and 10 December 2023. Geiger's first individual World Cup podium came in Lahti on 21 February 2016, finishing second behind Michael Hayböck.
- **Michael Hayböck** recorded two of his five individual World Cup wins in Lahti, both in 2015/16. He is one of two male ski jumper to win multiple individual World Cup events in Lahti in a single season this century, along with Adam Malysz (2) in 2002/03.
- **Niko Kytösaho** (ninth in Willingen on 3 February) is the only Finnish male ski jumper to finish in the top 10 of an individual World Cup event this season.
- It is more than 10 years ago that a Finnish male ski jumper reached the podium of an individual World Cup event: Anssi Kovuranta won in Innsbruck on 4 January 2014.
- Brothers **Domen Prevc** (win in Sapporo) and **Peter Prevc** (two second places in Oberstdorf (ski flying)) both took individual podium finishes in a World Cup season for the first time since 2018/19.
- **Poland** 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 only won more individual World Cup events in Zakopane (5) than in Lahti (3). His most recent win here came in February 2019.

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