

PREVIEW WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL NORMAL HILL ZAO – Friday 19 Jan 2024

Nika Prevc

- Nika Prevc is leading the World Cup overall this season. She won four of the 10 individual World Cup events this season.
- Only Nika Križnar (5) won as many individual World Cup events among Slovenian women as Prevc (4).
- Prevc can become the first Slovenian woman to win a individual World Cup event in Zao. She finished 8th and 17th at the individual World Cup events in Zao last season.
- Prevc (4) can become the third woman aged 18 years old or younger to win at least five events in a single World Cup season, following Sara Takanashi (8 in 2012/13, 15 in 2013/14, 6 in 2014/15) and Sarah Hendrickson (9 in 2011/12).

Eva Pinkelnig

- Eva Pinkelnig finished on the podium in four of the last five individual World Cup events (wins in Oberstdorf and in Sapporo and second places in both events in Villach). The exception is an eight place in the second Sapporo event on 14 January.
- Pinkelnig won three of the last four individual World Cup events in Zao (both events in 2019/20 and the most recent event on 15 January 2023).
- Pinkelnig (3) can become the second woman to win an individual World Cup event in Zao at least four times. Only Sara Takanashi (7) won more individual World Cup events in Zao.

Other contenders

- **Yūki Itō** won the opening World Cup event in Lillehammer and the last World Cup event in Sapporo.
- Itō won both individual World Cup events in Zao in 2017. She can become the fourth woman to win more than two individual World Cup events in Zao, after Sara Takanashi (7), Maren Lundby (3) and Eva Pinkelnig (3).
- Ito claimed four of her nine individual World Cup wins in Japan, twice as many as in any other country (Norway 2).
- **Joséphine Pagnier** won an individual World Cup event in Lillehammer and in Engelberg this season. She can become the first French woman to win an individual World Cup event in Zao.
- The best result by a French woman in an individual World Cup event in Zao is a fifth place by Coline Mattel on 3 March 2012.
- **Alexandra Loutitt** has three podium finishes this World Cup (third and second in the opening event in Lillehammer, second in Engelberg). She won the individual World Cup event in Zao on 13 January 2023.

- **Eirin Maria Kvandal** finished on the podium five times this individual World Cup (four 3rd places, one 2nd place). The only time Kvandal won an individual World Cup event was in Ljubno ob Savinji in 2020/21 season.
- **Sara Marita Kramer** finished in the top 10 in seven of the 10 individual World Cup events this season. Her best result this season is a fifth place in Engelberg on 15 December.
- **Katharina Schmid** (49) is one short of 50 individual World Cup podium finishes.
- Last week, **Jenny Rautionaho** became the second Finnish woman to record a podium finish in an individual World Cup event, after Julia Kykkänen (two third places in 2013/14).

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