

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL SKI FLYING PLANICA – Friday 31 Mar 2023

Halvor Egner Granerud

- Halvor Egner Granerud already secured the men's overall crystal globe. Granerud (2,058 points) is the fourth man to exceed 2,000 World Cup points in a season, after Peter Prevc (2,303 in 2015/16), Ryoyu Kobayashi (2,085 in 2018/19) and Gregor Schlierenzauer (2,083 in 2008/09).
- Granerud (12 wins) can equal Schlierenzauer (13 wins in 2008/09) and Kobayashi (13 wins in 2018/19) in joint-second place for most individual men's World Cup wins in a season. Only Prevc won more (15 in 2015/16).
- Granerud has yet to win a World Cup event in Planica. His best individual result in a World Cup event in Planica was a ninth place on 25 March 2022 (ski flying).
- Granerud finished 11th and seventh in the men's individual normal hill and large hill events respectively at this year's world championships in Planica.
- Granerud can become the second Norwegian man to win the ski flying crystal globe, after Andreas Stjernen in 2017/18.
- Granerud has won the World Cup overall, Four Hills tournament and Raw Air this season. He can still equal Ryoyu Kobayashi's achievement from the 2018/19 season: he won World Cup crystal globe, ski flying standings, Four Hills Tournament, Raw Air and Planica7 competitions that season.

Stefan Kraft

- Stefan Kraft can win the ski flying crystal globe for the third time, equalling the record by Gregor Schlierenzauer and Peter Prevc (both 3). Kraft won the ski flying globe in 2016/17 and 2019/20.
- Kraft won the most recent men's individual ski flying World Cup event, in Vikersund on 19 March.
- Kraft (29) can become the eighth man to win at least 30 individual World Cup events. Last week, Ryoyu Kobayashi claimed his 30th win in Lahti.
- Only Schlierenzauer (14) and Peter Prevc (7) won as many individual World Cup ski flying events as Kraft (7).
- Kraft (19) can become the first man to record at least 20 podium finishes in individual World Cup ski flying events. He currently shares the record with Schlierenzauer (19).
- Kraft still holds the official record for the world's longest jump with 253.5m, set on the ski flying hill in Vikersund on 18 March 2017.
- Kraft's most recent podium finish in an individual World Cup event in Planica was in 2018.

Other contenders

- **Dawid Kubacki** can reach the podium of the overall World Cup ranking for the first time. His best overall result in a World Cup season was a fourth place in 2019/20.
- Poland (99) can become the fifth country to reach the milestone of 100 men's individual World Cup wins, after Austria, Finland, Norway and Germany.
- **Ryoyu Kobayashi** won his 30th individual World Cup event in Lahti last week. Three of those 30 victories were in ski flying events, including two in Planica (24 March 2019, 25 March 2021).
- **Karl Geiger** won the individual event at the ski flying world championships in Planica in 2020.
- Geiger's last five individual World Cup podium finishes have all been third places. His most recent wins were in Titisee-Neustadt on 22 and 23 January 2022.
- **Anže Lanišek** (4) can become the third Slovenian man to win at least five individual World Cup events in a season, after Peter Prevc (15 in 2015/16) and Primož Peterka (7 in 1996/97).
- **Timi Zajc** won the gold medal on the large hill at the world championships in Planica this year (3 March). Zajc's only individual World Cup wins came in ski flying events in Oberstdorf, in 2019 and 2022.
- Last year in Planica, **Žiga Jelar** won his first and so far only individual World Cup event. In total, Slovenian men have won nine individual ski flying World Cup events in Planica.
- Slovenia has won the men's ski flying crystal globe seven times, second-most behind Austria (8).
- **Planica7** has been won by four different men representing four different countries: Kamil Stoch (2018), Kobayashi (2019), Geiger (2021) and Zajc (2022).

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