

PREVIEW MEN'S EVENTS KLINGENTHAL (20-21 March 2021)

Klingenthal

- Vinzenz Geiger won the previous two individual World Cup events in Klingenthal this season. He can join Eric Frenzel on a record 3 wins here.
- Geiger can become the first man to win three individual World Cups in a row in Klingenthal. Frenzel, Fabian Rießle and Jarl Magnus Riiber all won two successive individual World Cups here.
- Germany has won eight of the 14 individual World Cup events in Klingenthal. Norway is the next best country on two victories.
- German Nordic Combined skiers swept the podium in this season's first individual World Cup event in Klingenthal, on 6 February: Geiger (1st), Rießle (2nd), Frenzel (3rd).

Standings before the last competitions

Overall individual

- **Jarl Magnus Riiber** won the overall World Cup standings in the previous two seasons and he could become the first Norwegian to win the trophy three times. He leads the overall World Cup standings by 186 points and needs only 14 more points to secure the win over Vinzenz Geiger.
- Riiber can become the sixth man to win the overall World Cup standings at least three times, after Eric Frenzel (5), Hannu Manninen (4), Kenji Ogiwara (3), Ronny Ackermann (3) and Jason Lamy Chappuis (3).
- Riiber can win the overall World Cup standings three seasons in a row, something that has been achieved by Frenzel (5, 2012/13 - 2016/17), Manninen (4, 2003/04 - 2006/07), Ogiwara (3, 1992/93 - 1994/95) and Lamy Chappuis (3, 2009/10 - 2011/12).
- **Vinzenz Geiger** finished third in the overall World Cup standings in 2019/20, his best career result. He is now in second place in the 2020/21 overall World Cup standings, 186 points behind Jarl Magnus Riiber.
- Geiger could become the fourth German (including East & West Germany) to win the overall World Cup standings, after Eric Frenzel (5), Ronny Ackermann (3) and Hermann Weinbuch (1).
- **Akito Watabe** is trailing Vinzenz Geiger by 106 points and could still attack the second position. Watabe (G1-S4-B3) can finish in the top three of the overall World Cup standings for the ninth time. His eight podiums in the overall World Cup standings are already an all-time record.
- **Ranks 4-10** are more contested: Rießle holds 598 points, Frenzel 560, Herola 544, Lamparter 492, Oftebro 433, Greiderer 381 and Faißt 349.

Nations Cup

- Germany is trying to win the Nations Cup after three years of Norwegian domination.
- Current standings: GER: 3228, NOR: 2704, AUT 1911, JPN 1337

The main contenders:

Jarl Magnus Riiber

- The 2020/21 season can become the second successive campaign in which Riiber has led the overall World Cup from the first World Cup event to the last. When he achieved this in 2019/20, he became the first man to lead the standings the entire season since Hannu Manninen in 2005/06).
- Riiber won two individual World Cup events in Klingenthal, both in February 2019. The only man to have won more individual World Cup events here is Frenzel (3).
- Riiber did not compete in this season's two individual World Cup events in Klingenthal, on 6 and 7 February.
- Riiber won the world title in the Normal Hill/10km event at the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships in Oberstdorf last month. He finished second in the Large Hill/10km event at the world championships.
- Riiber has finished on the podium in 33 of the last 35 individual World Cup events he participated in (including 26 wins). The exceptions were a 10th place-finish in the Large Hill/10km event in Lahti on 1 March 2020 and his DSQ in the Large Hill/10km event in Ruka on 29 November 2020.

Vinzenz Geiger

- Geiger has won four individual World Cup events this season, already twice as many as in his previous best campaign 2019/20 (2 wins).
- Geiger won the two individual World Cup events in Klingenthal this season on 6 and 7 February. The only man to have won more individual World Cup events here is Eric Frenzel (3).

Akito Watabe

- Watabe has won 19 individual World Cup events, tied with Kenji Ogiwara on most wins among Japanese men. Watabe claimed one of those 19 victories in Klingenthal (18 February 2012).
- Watabe won one individual World Cup this season (in Lahti on 24 January) and finished in second place on three occasions, including the most recent event in Klingenthal on 7 February.
- Watabe and Jarl Magnus Riiber have recorded most runner-up finishes in this season's individual World Cup events, three each.
- Watabe (73) is two shy of claiming his 75th podium in individual World Cup events. Only Hannu Manninen (90), Eric Frenzel (79) and Ronny Ackermann (77) have reached this benchmark.

Other contenders

- **Johannes Lamparter** won the world title in the Large Hill/10km event at the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships in Oberstdorf on 4 March.

- At the age of 19, Johannes Lamparter can become the second-youngest Austrian to win an individual World Cup event, after Mario Stecher, who won his first World Cup at the age of 16 in 1994.
- The last Austrian to win an individual World Cup event was Bernard Gruber in Schonach on 16 March 2019.
- **Eric Frenzel** has won 43 individual World Cup events, only trailing all-time record holder Hannu Manninen (48). Frenzel's last victory was in Trondheim on 13 March 2018. Frenzel has won a record three individual World Cup events in Klingenthal.
- **Fabian Rießle** has won nine individual World Cup events and has claimed 51 podium finishes. Only Eric Frenzel (79) and Ronny Ackermann (77) have finished on the podium more often among German Nordic Combined skiers (includes West/East Germany). Rießle won twice in Klingenthal, on 17 and 18 March 2018.
- **Ilkka Herola** can hand Finland its first win an individual World Cup event since 6 March 2010, when Hannu Manninen won in Lahti. Herola has finished on the podium nine times. The record for most podiums without having won an individual World Cup event is 11, by Allar Levandi (URS/EST, 1985-1994) and Georg Hettich (GER, 2000-2010).
- **Jens Lurås Oftedal** is 20 years old and can become the fifth Norwegian man to win multiple individual World Cup events before his 21st birthday, after Petter Tande (2), Geir Andersen (2), Trond Einar Elden (2) and Fred Børre Lundberg (2).
- **Johannes Rydzek** has won 17 individual World Cup events, tied with Björn Kircheisen in third place among German Nordic Combined skiers (includes West/East Germany), behind Eric Frenzel (43) and Ronny Ackermann (28).