

PREVIEW WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL LARGE HILL – Saturday 4 Feb 2023

Eva Pinkelnig

- Eva Pinkelnig (1096) heads the 2022/23 World Cup overall standings (women's) by nearly 200 points in front of her closest rival Katharina Althaus (871). Pinkelnig's previous best result was third in the overall in 2019/20.
- Pinkelnig has won five of the 15 women's individual World Cup events this season. She had only previously won three individual World Cup events, all in the 2019/20 season.
- Pinkelnig only managed one podium last week in Hinterzarten (3rd place on Sunday). Her 13th place on Saturday in Hinterzarten was the first time she had missed an individual World Cup podium after eight consecutive podium finishes.
- The only other time Willingen has hosted an individual women's World Cup event, in January 2022, Pinkelnig finished 24th in the first event and did not start the second as she was disappointed the first event went ahead in difficult conditions.
- A win in both events in Willingen would mean Pinkelnig would equal the most individual World Cup wins for an Austrian female in a season set by Sara Marita Kramer in 2020/21 and 2021/22.

Other contenders

- **Katharina Althaus** won the first event in Hinterzarten last week. Last season in Willingen she was the only woman to stand on the podium in both events (two second places).
- Althaus (2) is the only German woman to win an individual World Cup event in Germany. She has won at both the German venues so far this season; Titisee-Neustadt and Hinterzarten.
- Germany's second hope is **Selina Freitag**. Freitag has finished on the individual World Cup podium twice this season but crashed out of the first jump in Willingen last season and did not start the second event after being taken to hospital with minor abrasions.
- **Anna Odine Strøm** has been on the podium at five of the last seven individual World Cup venues, including winning the second event in Hinterzarten last week.
- Strøm can become the first Norwegian women's ski jumper to win back-to-back individual World Cup events since **Maren Lundby** in March-December 2019 (3).
- **Silje Opseth** can become the first Norwegian woman since Lundby in the 2019/20 season to win four individual World Cup events in one season. Lundby is the only female Norwegian that has previously done this; four times from 2016/17-2019/20.
- **Alexandria Loutitt** won Canada's first individual World Cup event for nearly 40 years (men or women) this season in Zao. The last Canadian

individual World Cup success in Europe was Horst Bulau in Lahti on 6 March 1983.

- **Emma Klinec** finished second in both women's individual World Cup events in Hinterzarten, and has finished second four times this season (no first or third places). Exactly 5% of Klinec's individual World Cup podium finishes (G1-S10-B9) have been a victory, the lowest of any women's ski jumpers with at least one individual World Cup win.
- **Sara Takanashi** has won a record 63 individual World Cup events and claimed 113 podium finishes. Her last individual World Cup win was in the large hill event in Oslo in March 2022.
- **Sara Marita Kramer** (15) is one short of moving joint-third alongside Daniela Iraschko-Stolz (16) for most individual World Cup wins by a female ski jumper. The top two are Takanashi (63) and Lundby (30).

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