

## PREVIEW WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL NORMAL HILL ZAO - 13-15 Jan 2023

## **Eva Pinkelnig**

- Eva Pinkelnig is leading the overall World Cup standings, having won four of the 11 individual World Cup events this season.
- Pinkelnig has finished on the podium in 10 of the 11 individual World Cup events this season, with as exception a seventh place in Titisee-Neustadt.
- Pinkelnig won both of the individual World Cup events in Zao in 2019/20, the last time the resort hosted a World Cup event.
- Pinkelnig can become the second woman to claim three successive individual World Cup victories in Zao, after Sara Takanashi (4) between 2013 and 2014.

## Other contenders

- There have already been four different winners of individual World Cup events this season. In only four seasons were there more than four different women who claimed individual World Cup victories. Last season, a record seven different women won at least one individual World Cup event.
- Sara Takanashi has won a record 63 individual World Cup events and claimed 113 podium finishes.
- Takanashi has won a record seven individual World Cup events in Zao, but not since 23 January 2016. The record for most individual World Cup wins at a specific resort is eight, by Takanashi in Hinzenbach.
- Silje Opseth won the second event in Sapporo last week. She can become the second Norwegian woman to claim consecutive individual World Cup wins, after Maren Lundby who did it on six occasions.
- Lundby has claimed 30 individual World Cup victories and 62 podium finishes, second-most wins and podiums behind Takanashi. Her most recent individual World Cup win (and podium finish) was in Lillehammer on 10 March 2020.
- Katharina Althaus has claimed seven of her 11 individual World Cup victories in normal hill events.
- Althaus claimed her first individual World Cup victory in Japan last week in Sapporo.
- 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).
- **Selina Freitag** hopes to join her brother Richard Freitag (8 wins) as winner of an individual World Cup event. Richard's best result in Sapporo was a fifth place in January 2016.
- Ema Klinec (two second places) and Eva Pinkelnig (two third places) finished on the podium in both events in Sapporo last week. They can tie the record of four World Cup podium finishes on Japanese soil in a single season in Zao (Takanashi in 2013/14 and 2015/16, Lundby in 2017/18).





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