

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL NORMAL HILL LILLEHAMMER – Saturday 2 Dec 2023

Stefan Kraft

- Stefan Kraft won both men's individual events in the 2023/24 World Cup opening weekend in Ruka (25-26 November). Kraft set the highest score in all four rounds that weekend.
- Thanks to his two victories in Ruka, Kraft (100) became the second male ski jumper to claim 100 podium finishes in individual World Cup events, after Ahonen (109).
- Kraft (32 wins) can join Jens Weißflog (33) in sixth place in the all-time individual World Cup winners list. Janne Ahonen is fifth on 36 wins.
- Kraft can become the first man to win the opening three individual World Cup events of the season since Andreas Kofler in 2011/12 (including 2 in Lillehammer). The last man to win the first four World Cups was Thomas Morgenstern in 2007/08 (first 6).
- Kraft has won two individual World Cup events in Lillehammer, both in large hill events in March 2019 and March 2022.
- Kraft's only individual World Cup win in a normal hill events was in Râsnov on 18 February 2020.

Halvor Egner Granerud

- Halvor Egner Granerud has won two individual World Cup events on Norwegian snow; his most recent victories - in Lillehammer and Vikersund in March 2023.
- Granerud has claimed 10 individual World Cup wins in 2023. The last man on more wins in a calendar year was Ryoyu Kobayashi in 2019 (11). Only three men won more than 11 World Cup events in a year: Adam Malysz (17 in 2001), Gregor Schlierenzauer (13 in 2009) and Peter Prevc (12 in 2016).
- Norway (149) is one short of 150 individual victories in the men's World Cup, behind only Austria (269), Germany (160, including former East and West Germany) and Finland (151).

Other contenders

- The last time **Austria** claimed first, second and third place in a men's individual World Cup event was in Oberstdorf on 30 December 2011. No country has managed to achieve this in an individual World Cup event in Lillehammer.
- **Poland** (99) can become the fifth country to reach 100 men's individual World Cup wins, after Austria, Finland, Norway and Germany (including former East and West Germany).
- **Kamil Stoch** (39) is level with Adam Malysz (39) on third-most individual World wins, behind Gregor Schlierenzauer (53) and Matti Nykänen (46).

- Only Schlierenzauer (6) has won more individual World Cups in Lillehammer than Stoch (3, December 2016, March 2018, March 2020, all large hill).
- **Dawid Kubacki** won the most recent individual World Cup event in Lillehammer (16 March 2023). The last man to win back-to-back events here was Stoch (December 2016 and March 2018).
- **Piotr Zyla** won the last two world titles in the normal hill event, in 2021 and in March 2023. He has never finished on the podium of a normal hill event in the World Cup.
- At the age of 33 years, **Pius Paschke** claimed his first podium finish last week in Ruka (2nd on 25 November). The oldest man to claim his first individual World Cup win was 32-year-old Jan Matura in Sapporo on 19 January 2013.
- **Ryoyu Kobayashi** has claimed only one of his 30 individual World Cup wins on a Norwegian hill - in Trondheim in March 2019. Kobayashi is the 2022 Olympic champion in the normal hill event.
- **Andreas Wellinger** won the most recent individual normal hill event, in Râsnov on 18 February 2023. The most recent German man to win an individual World Cup event in Lillehammer was Severin Freund, in the normal hill event on 5 December 2015.

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