

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL - LARGE HILL PLANICA – Thursday 2 Mar 2023

Halvor Egner Granerud

- Halvor Egner Granerud has won eight individual large hill World Cup events this season.
- Norway has won the men's individual large hill world title a record 20 times, but not since Tommy Ingebrigtsen in 1995.
- Norway claimed six podium finishes since that win in 1995, including second place for Robert Johansson in 2021.
- Granerud won the Four Hills tournament this season. He could be the third man to win the world title and the Four Hills tournament in the same season, after Hans-Georg Aschenbach (1973/74) and Janne Ahonen (2004/05).

Marius Lindvik

- Marius Lindvik won gold in the men's large hill at the Olympic Winter Games in Beijing in 2022. There have been six men who won the large hill event at the Winter Games and at the world championships. The last one who achieved this was Kamil Stoch (world championships 2013, Winter Games in 2014 & 2018).
- Jacob Thulin Thams (Winter Games 1924, world championships 1926) and Birger Ruud (5, 1931-1937) achieved this for Norway.
- In 2022, Lindvik won the individual ski flying world title in Planica. The last of seven men to have won world titles in the individual large hill and in ski flying was Severin Freund (ski flying 2014, large hill 2015). None of these seven won the two world titles at a single venue.
- Lindvik finished second in the Planica7 in 2022 (4 ski flying events over 7 rounds).

Other contenders

- **Karl Geiger** (G5-S2-B2) is looking for his 10th world championships medal. Only five ski jumpers have won at least 10 world championships medals across all events, including Martin Schmitt (10) for Germany. The other four are Gregor Schlierenzauer (12), Stefan Kraft (12), Thomas Morgenstern (11) and Janne Ahonen (10).
- **Germany** came into the second week of this world championship on three gold medals at the 2023 world championships. Only Austria (5 in 2011) and Germany (4 in 2019) have won more world titles across all disciplines at a single world championships.
- **Dawid Kubacki** could become the fourth Polish world champion in the men's large hill event, after Wojciech Fortuna (1972, Olympic Winter Games), Adam Malysz (2003) and Kamil Stoch (2013).

- **Piotr Zyla** won the men's normal hill event at this world championship, at age 36, becoming the oldest ski jumper to take home an individual world title.
- Zyla can become the sixth ski jumper to win both the men's individual normal hill and individual large hill events at a single world championships: Björn Wirkola (1966), Gari Napalkov (1970), Hans-Georg Aschenbach (1974), Adam Malysz (2003) and Stefan Kraft (2017).
- Zyla has won as many individual ski jumping world titles (2) as world cup events (2). His previous world title was the normal hill event in 2021. Zyla's only world cup triumphs date back to 17 March 2013 (Oslo, large hill) and 15 February 2020 (Bad Mitterndorf, ski flying).
- **Stefan Kraft** (2017, 2021) could become the second man to win three world titles in the individual large hill event, after Birger Ruud (5, 1931-1937).
- The last man to win this event at successive world championships was Martin Schmitt in 1999 and 2001.
- Kraft (G3-S5-B4) is level with Gregor Schlierenzauer on a record 12 world championship medals.
- **Ryoyu Kobayashi** could win the second world title in this event for Japan, after Masahiko Harada won in 1997.
- Kobayashi has won everything there is to win in ski jumping, **except a world title** (also not in ski flying): he has won Olympic gold (normal hill), the overall ski jumping World Cup, the ski flying World Cup, the Four Hills tournament (including all 4 hills), the Raw Air, Willingen Five and Planica7 competitions.

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