

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL LARGE HILL – Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 December 2023

Stefan Kraft

- Stefan Kraft won all men's individual events in the 2023/24 World Cup (Ruka on 25-26 November and Lillehammer on 2-3 December).
- Kraft set the highest score in seven out of eight rounds in the 2023/24 men's World Cup. The exception came in the second round in Lillehammer on 2 December (5th).
- Kraft (win in Klingenthal on 11 December 2021) can equal or surpass Ryoyu Kobayashi, Halvor Egner Granerud and compatriot Gregor Schlierenzauer (all with 2) for the most individual World Cup wins in Klingenthal.
- Kraft (4) shares the record for the most podium finishes in individual World Cup events in Klingenthal with Gregor Schlierenzauer (4).
- Kraft won six of his last eight individual World Cup event participations, with the only exceptions finishing second in Lahti on 26 March and third in Planica on 2 April.
- Kraft can become the first male ski jumper to win five successive individual World Cup events since Halvor Egner Granerud won five in a row between November and December 2020.
- The last man to win six consecutive individual World Cup events was Ryoyu Kobayashi (6; December 2018-January 2019).
- Kraft can become the second male ski jumper to win the first five individual World Cup events of a season (since 1979/80), following Thomas Morgenstern (first six in 2007/08).

Andreas Wellinger

- Andreas Wellinger finished second in both men's individual events in the 2023/24 World Cup in Lillehammer on 2-3 December. He finished third and fourth in the opening weekend in Ruka on 25-26 November.
- Wellinger won five individual World Cup events in his career. Wellinger recorded podium finishes in Klingenthal on 24 November 2013 (2nd) and 23 November 2014 (3rd).
- Wellinger can win a individual World Cup event for the first time since 18 February 2023, when he won in Râsnov.

Other contenders

- **Austria** (3) can become the first country to win four individual World Cup Events in Klingenthal. Norway also have three wins.
- **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).

- **Jan Hörl** secured podium finishes in two of his last three individual World Cup event participations (2nd in Ruka on 26 November and 3rd in Lillehammer on 3 December), snapping a streak of 40 consecutive participations without a podium.
- Hörl seeks his second individual World Cup win, having previously triumphed in Wisla on 5 December 2021.
- **Ryoyu Kobayashi** won individual World Cup events in Klingenthal on 15 December 2019 and 12 December 2021. Kobayashi claimed a third of his individual World Cup wins in Germany (10 out of 30).
- A victory would extend Kobayashi's streak to six consecutive seasons with an individual World Cup win, making him the only active male ski jumper to achieve this since the 2018/19 season.
- **Halvor Egner Granerud** won the individual World Cup event in Klingenthal twice, both in the 2020/21 season (6 and 7 February).
- 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).
- Granerud has won each of the last four individual World Cup events held in Germany.
- **Kamil Stoch** can win his 40th individual World Cup event, overtaking Adam Malysz as the third-most World Cup event winners. Stoch won in Klingenthal in February 2011 and finished third in his last World Cup event in Klingenthal on 11 December 2021.
- **Kamil Stoch** (39) needs one more win to surpass Adam Malysz (39) in third place on the list of most men's individual World Cup victories. Stoch won in Klingenthal on 2 February 2011.
- Stoch is looking for his first podium finish in an individual World Cup event since a second place in Râsnov on 19 February 2021.
- Last week in Lillehammer, **Karl Geiger** became the first male ski jumper with two fourth-place finishes in individual World Cup events in one host city in a single weekend since Timi Zajc (Planica 2021/22). Geiger's last podium finish is a third place in Lahti on 26 March 2023.
- **Daniel Tschofenig** recorded four third places in individual World Cup events in 2023 (including in Lillehammer on 2 December), marking the most podium finishes without a single win this calendar year.

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