

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL - SKI FLYING – Friday 22 Mar 2024

Peter Prevc bids farewell

- Peter Prevc will end his professional career after the Planica7. On 6 February 2024, he announced that he will complete his last jumps in front of his home crowd in Planica.
- Prevc has claimed 23 individual World Cup victories (national record) and won the overall men's World Cup in 2015/16, following in the footsteps of his compatriot Primož Peterka (1996/97 and 1997/98).
- Prevc is also a Four Hills Tournament winner (2015/16), an individual ski flying world champion (2015/16) and an Olympic gold medallist (2022, mixed team).
- On 14 February 2015, Prevc made history at the ski flying World Cup in Vikersund as he became the first-ever ski jumper to jump 250 metres.
- Only Gregor Schlierenzauer (14) and Stefan Kraft (10) won as many ski flying World Cup events as Prevc (7). His last individual ski flying win in a World Cup event came in Planica on 20 March 2016.
- Only Schlierenzauer (5) and Jens Weißflog (4) won as many individual World Cup events in Planica as Prevc (4). Prevc (11) recorded more podium finishes at the resort than any other man.

Stefan Kraft

- Stefan Kraft clinched the overall World Cup in Vikersund last week, the third in his career, after 2016/17 and 2019/20. Only Matti Nykänen (4), Adam Malysz (4) and Andreas Goldberger (3) have won the men's overall World Cup standings as many times.
- Kraft could claim the ski flying crystal globe for the second season in a row, and for the fourth time in total (2016/17, 2019/20, 2022/23). Only Schlierenzauer (3) and Prevc (3) have won the ski flying crystal globe as many times as Kraft (3).
- Kraft (30) became the second ski jumper to win the men's overall World Cup after turning 30, after Kamil Stoch won the 2017/18 overall crystal globe at age 30.
- Only Gregor Schlierenzauer (14) won as many individual ski flying World Cup events as Kraft (10).
- Kraft finished on the podium in each of his last 10 ski flying World Cup participations (four wins, three second places and three third places).
- Kraft won last year's Planica7. He can become the first man to win Planica7 more than once.
- Kraft won the Raw Air 2024. Only Kamil Stoch (2018) and Ryoyu Kobayashi (2019) won the Raw Air and Planica7 in the same season.
- Kraft has won 13 of the 30 individual men's World Cup events this season. Only three men have recorded as many wins in a single WC season: Peter Prevc (15 in 2015/16), Gregor Schlierenzauer (13 in 2008/09) and Ryoyu Kobayashi (13 in 2018/19).

Other contenders

- This is the sixth edition of the Planica7. The previous five editions were won by five different men from five different countries: Kamil Stoch (2018), Ryoyu Kobayashi (2019), Karl Geiger (2021), Timi Zajc (2022) and Stefan Kraft (2023).
- **Ryoyu Kobayashi** (1,633) and **Andreas Wellinger** (1,459) compete for second place in the overall World Cup standings this season, although the gap is 174 points with just 200 points at stake.
- Kobayashi (2019) is a former winner of the Planica7. Kobayashi (252.0m) holds the hill record at Letalnica bratov Gorišek, set on 24 March 2019.
- Kobayashi (32) can equal Jens Weißflog on 33 individual World Cup wins in joint-seventh on the men's all-time list.
- Since the beginning of the Four Hills Tournament, Kobayashi finished second in 10 of the 22 men's individual World Cup events. His 10 second places already is the highest number of runner-up finishes a man has ever recorded in a World Cup season.
- Kobayashi has won three individual ski flying World Cup events in his career, but not since his victory in Planica in March 2021.
- All four of **Timi Zajc**' individual World Cup triumphs came in ski flying events, including one in Planica on 2 April 2023 (three in Oberstdorf).
- Zajc (2022) is the only Slovenian ski jumper to have won the Planica7.
- **Daniel Huber** (31 years old) took his second win in an individual World Cup event last week in Vikersund. His first first win came in the Four Hills Tournament in Bischofshofen on 6 January 2022.

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