

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

Katharina Schmid

- Katharina Schmid has won 15 women's individual World Cup events, joint-fourth most, behind Sara Takanashi (63), Maren Lundby (30) and Daniela Iraschko-Stolz (16, retired). Sara Marita Kramer has also won 15 World Cup events.
- Schmid won seven individual World Cup events in 2022/23, most of all women, but she finished second in the overall World Cup standings behind Eva Pinkelnig (6 individual wins).
- Only Takanashi (7) has won more individual World Cup events in Lillehammer than Schmid (6). Last season, Schmid won here twice, on the normal hill on 3 December 2022 and on the large hill on 15 March 2023.
- Schmid has yet to win the opening individual event of women's World Cup season.

Silje Opseth

- Silje Opseth has won five individual women's World Cup events, including four last season (only Schmid 7 and Pinkelnig 6 won more).
- Opseth won two of the four individual World Cup events in Lillehammer in 2022/23, both on the large hill (4 December and 13 March).
- Opseth won the opening individual World Cup event last season, in Wisla. She can become the third woman to win the opening event in successive seasons, after Takanashi (2012/13 & 2013/14, 2015/16 & 2016/17) and Sara Marita Kramer (2020/21 & 2021/22).

Other contenders

- Last season's overall World Cup winner **Eva Pinkelnig** is recovering from an injury and will miss the World Cup events in Lillehammer.
- **Sara Takanashi** has won the most individual World Cup events (63), the most in Lillehammer (7) and the most opening World Cup events (4). She is also the only woman to have recorded more than 100 podium finishes (115).
- Takanashi's last individual World Cup wins were on Norwegian hills in March 2022: in Lillehammer (2 March) and Oslo (6 March).
- **Nika Križnar** won six of the seven individual events in the 2023 Summer Grand Prix, and claimed the overall win in the competition.
- Križnar has won five individual World Cups, but she has yet to win on Norwegian snow. Her last World Cup win was in Hinzenbach in February 2022.
- **Emma Klinec** finished on the podium in nine of the 18 individual World Cup events in the year 2023, winning once in Oslo (12 March). Only Pinkelnig (11) claimed as many podium finishes this calendar year as Klinec (9).

- Only Takanashi (63) has won more individual World Cup events than **Maren Lundby** (30). Lundby's last win in a World Cup event was in Lillehammer on 10 March 2020.
- **Sara Marita Kramer** (15, alongside Katharina Schmid) is one shy of equalling Daniela Iraschko-Stolz (16) in third place for most individual World Cup victories among women.
- **Alexandra Loutitt** won the gold medal in the women's large hill event at the 2023 world championships. Loutitt is the only Canadian woman to have won an individual World Cup event, last season on the normal hill in Zao.
- **Yuki Ito** won the final individual event in last season's World Cup, claiming the first place in Lahti on 24 March. She can become the first woman to win successive individual World Cup events in 2023.
- **Nika Prevc** could become the third member of the Prevc family to win an individual World cup event in ski jumping, after her brothers Peter Prevc (23 wins, including 1 in Lillehammer) and Domen Prevc (5, including 1 in Lillehammer). Her third brother Cene Prevc claimed one podium finish (3rd place in Willingen in January 2022).
- **Selina Freitag's** brother Richard Freitag finished second (3 December 2011) and third (7 December 2013) in men's individual World Cup events in Lillehammer.

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