

## PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL SKI FLYING VIKERSUND – Saturday 16 Mar 2024

### Overall crystal globe

- Stefan Kraft (1,883) comes into Vikersund with a 303-point lead over second-placed Ryoyu Kobayashi (1,580) in the overall standings and could claim the crystal globe this weekend.
- **Kraft could win the men's overall crystal globe for the third time 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 more than twice.**
- Kraft (30) could become 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.
- Austria has won the men's overall World Cup a record 13 times, five ahead of any other country (Finland follows on eight).

### Stefan Kraft

- Coming into Vikersund, Stefan Kraft and Sara Takanashi (both 116) share the record for most individual World Cup podiums in this sport. This includes 42 victories for Kraft.
- Kraft leads the Raw Air standings after the first four events, 26 points ahead of Jan Hörl in second.
- Kraft could claim the overall victory in the Raw Air tournament for the third time, after 2017 and 2022. Besides Kraft, only Kamil Stoch (2) has won the men's Raw Air competition more than once.
- Kraft has won 12 of the 28 individual men's World Cup events this season. Only three men have recorded more than 12 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).
- Kraft (9) can become the second man to record at least 10 victories in World Cup ski flying events, after his compatriot Schlierenzauer (14).
- Since the start of 2023, Kraft has reached the podium in all eight ski flying World Cup events that were staged, picking up three wins. The Austrian won the second ski flying event in Vikersund last season (Raw Air).
- Kraft can become the first ski jumper to record back-to-back individual World Cup victories in Vikersund since Peter Prevc won both events in February 2016.
- Kraft has already won four individual events on Norwegian hills this season. Only Halvor Egner Granerud has won more than four individual events in a single country within a World Cup season: five in Germany in 2020/21.

## Other contenders

- Stefan Kraft won 12 of the 28 men's individual World Cup events this season. Six men follow on two individual WC victories each.
- **Ryoyu Kobayashi** won one of the Raw Air events in Trondheim earlier this week to record his second individual World Cup victory of the season. 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 20 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.
- **Timi Zajc** won two of the last five World Cup ski flying events (Stefan Kraft won the other three), including in Oberstdorf earlier this season on 24 February.
- All four of Zajc's individual World Cup triumphs came in ski flying events, but none of those came on Norwegian hills. His seventh place in Vikersund last year (Raw Air) is the only time he reached the top 10 in an individual WC ski flying event in Norway.
- Only Gregor Schlierenzauer (4) and Matti Nykänen (3) have won as many individual World Cup events in Vikersund as **Peter Prevc** (3).
- **Jan Hörl** and **Johann André Forfang** come into Vikersund second and third in the 2024 Raw Air standings respectively. Both have never reached the podium in the Raw Air final standings before.

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