

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL LARGE HILL ZAKOPANE – Sunday 15 Jan 2023

Dawid Kubacki

- Dawid Kubacki leads the World Cup standings on 930 points, 108 points ahead of Anže Lanišek (822).
- Kubacki won the first two individual World Cup events on Polish ground earlier this season in Wisla.
- Those wins in Wisla on 5 and 6 November 2022 are his only individual World Cup wins on home soil (29 participations).
- Kubacki finished on the podium in 10 of the 12 individual World Cup events this season (G5-S2-B3), equalling his personal season best in terms of podium finishes (10 in 2019/20). He only missed out on podium finishes in Ruka (fourth and sixth).
- Kubacki can become the fifth Polish man to win the individual World Cup event in Zakopane, after Kamil Stoch (5), Adam Malysz (4), Stanislaw Bobak (1) and Pjotr Fijas (1).

Halvor Egner Granerud

- Halvor Egner Granerud won the 71st edition of the Four Hills Tournament earlier this month to become the first Norwegian winner of the Four Hills since Anders Jacobsen in 2006/07.
- Granerud won the Four Hills Tournament with a record 1191.2 points.
- Three of the last six Four Hills winners also won the first individual World Cup event following the Four Hills: Kamil Stoch (2016/17, Wisla), Ryoyu Kobayashi (2018/19, Val di Fiemme) and Kamil Stoch (2020/21, Titisee-Neustadt).
- Halvor Egner Granerud is third in the overall World Cup standings this season. Last season, Ryoyu Kobayashi won the Four Hills Tournament and the overall World Cup.
- Granerud has won the most individual World Cup events among Norwegian men (17), but is chasing Anders Bardal (34) and Roar Ljøkelsøy (32) for most individual World Cup podium finishes (Granerud on 29).
- Granerud recorded one individual World Cup podium finish in Zakopane, when he won here on 14 February 2021.

Other contenders

- **Anže Lanišek** is second in the World Cup standings. Lanišek has nine podium finishes this season, most for a Slovenian man since Peter Prevc's 22 podiums in 2015/16 (G15-S5-B2).
- Lanišek (4) can become the fifth male Slovenian ski jumper to record at least five individual World Cup wins, after Peter Prevc (23), Primož Peterka (15), Robert Kranjec (7) and Domen Prevc (5).

- **Marius Lindvik** won the individual World Cup event in Zakopane last season, ahead of Karl Geiger and Lanišek.
- **Stefan Kraft** finished on the podium in four of the first six individual World Cup events this season (G1-S1-B2), but has gone without an individual podium finish in the next six events.
- **Piotr Żyła**, who celebrates his 36th birthday the day after this event, can become the oldest man on an individual World Cup podium in Zakopane. Adam Malysz (33 years old) holds the record when he won on 21 January 2011.
- Żyła has only recorded more individual World Cup podiums in 2018/19 (7) and 2020/21 (5) than in 2022/23 (3).
- **Ryoyu Kobayashi** recorded one individual podium finish in Zakopane, when he won here in 2020/21.

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