

## PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL LARGE HILL ZAKOPANE – Sunday 21 Jan 2024

### Polska

- The first edition of the PolSki Tour will come to a conclusion with this individual large hill event in Zakopane.
- On Wednesday evening, the first-ever World Cup event in Szczyrk (normal hill) got cancelled after 40 of the 50 jumpers had completed their first jump. Poland's Dawid Kobacki topped the leaderboard at that moment, and compatriots Kamil Stoch (3rd) and Piotr Zyla (5th) were also inside the top five.
- Poland (99) is one victory shy of becoming the fifth country to reach 100 men's individual World Cup wins, after Austria, Finland, Norway and Germany (including former East and West Germany).
- **Dawid Kubacki** was responsible for each of Poland's last six individual victories in the men's World Cup, but the most recent of those six wins dates back to 16 March 2023 (in Lillehammer).
- No country has claimed as many victories in individual men's World Cup events in Poland as the Poles themselves (15, two more than Austria).
- Poland only claimed as many individual victories in the men's World Cup in Germany (19) as in their home country (15).
- Poland's last victory in a men's individual World Cup event in front of a home crowd was achieved by Kubacki in Wisla on 6 November 2022.
- No male ski jumper has recorded as many individual World Cup victories in Poland as **Kamil Stoch** (7). He is tied for most individual World Cup wins in Zakopane alongside Gregor Schlierenzauer (five each).

### Stefan Kraft

- Stefan Kraft (36) can surpass Janne Ahonen (36) in fifth place on most individual World Cup wins among men. Gregor Schlierenzauer (53), Matti Nykänen (46), Adam Malysz (39) and **Kamil Stoch** (39) are ahead of them.
- **Kraft (108) and Ahonen (108) share the all-time record for most podium finishes in individual men's World Cup events. Sara Takanashi (115) holds the record on the women's side.**
- Only Kamil Stoch (11) has recorded as many podium finishes in individual World Cup events in Poland as Kraft (11). This includes two wins for Kraft in Zakopane: on 24 January 2016 and 20 January 2019.
- Kraft won each of the opening four men's individual World Cup events this season, but only two of the nine since.
- Kraft only claimed as many individual World Cup victories in 2016/17 (8) as this season (6).

## Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu Kobayashi finished on the podium in each of the last five individual World Cup events. His win in Wisla on 14 January followed after his second places in all four events in the Four Hills Tournament (he did claim the overall victory).
- Kobayashi can win successive individual World Cup events for the first time since a run of four between December 2021 and January 2022.
- Kobayashi can equal his longest streak of individual World Cup podiums: six in a row between December 2018 and January 2019, and between December 2021 and January 2022.
- Kobayashi achieved one of his 31 individual World Cup victories in Zakopane: first place on 13 February 2021.

## Various

- **Germany has failed to win any of the last 30 individual men's World Cup events in Zakopane, a streak stretching back to Michael Uhrmann's victory on 17 January 2004.**
- Four of the last five men's individual World Cup events in Zakopane were won by Norwegians: **Marius Lindvik** (January 2021), Ryoyu Kobayashi (February 2021), **Halvor Egner Granerud** (February 2021), Lindvik (January 2022) and Granerud for a second time as well (January 2023).
- **Slovenia's** most recent individual World Cup victory in Zakopane was achieved by Anže Semenič on 28 January 2018.
- On 29 January 2005, Adam Malysz and Roar Ljøkelsøy were tied for first place in the World Cup in Zakopane.

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