

PREVIEW Men INDIVIDUAL - LARGE HILL – Sunday 10 Feb 2019

Stefan Kraft

- Stefan Kraft could win four successive large hill World Cup events for the first time in his career. He also won three large hill World Cup events in a row between February and March 2017.
- Kraft can become the first Austrian to win four successive large hill World Cup events since Thomas Morgenstern in December 2010.
- Kraft finished on the podium in seven of the 11 individual World Cup events in 2019, more than any other ski jumper. Kraft recorded only six individual podium finishes in 2018, without winning any event.
- Kraft has claimed three podium finishes in individual World Cup events in Lahti, including a victory in 2015. Lahti could become the fourth host city where Kraft claims more than three individual World Cup podium finishes, after Oberstdorf (6), Planica (5) and Sapporo (5).

Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu Kobayashi has won 10 of the 19 individual World Cup events this season. The last ski jumper with more than 10 individual victories in a World Cup season was Peter Prevc (15) in 2015/16 (all-time record for most in one season).
- Kobayashi (10) already holds the Japanese record for most individual World Cup victories in a single season. Only two Japanese men have won more than 10 individual World Cup events in total: Noriaki Kasai (17) and Kazuyoshi Funaki (15).
- Kobayashi has finished on the podium in 13 individual World Cup events this season. Only Funaki in 1998/99 (15) and Kasai in 1998/99 (14) claimed more individual podium finishes within a World Cup season for Japan.
- Kobayashi (22 years old) could become the third ski jumper younger than 23 to win more than 10 individual events in a World Cup season, after Gregor Schlierenzauer in 2008/09 (13) and Martin Schmitt in 1999/2000 (11).
- In the World Cup standings, Kobayashi (1,380 points) has a lead of more than 450 points over second-placed Kamil Stoch (929). No male Japanese ski jumper has won the overall World Cup standings.
- The only Japanese ski jumper to win a World Cup event in Lahti this century is Daiko Ito, who won on 4 March 2012 (normal hill).

Kamil Stoch

- Kamil Stoch claimed his first individual win this World Cup season in Oberstdorf on 3 February (ski flying). He could win successive individual World Cup events for the first time since winning in Lillehammer and Trondheim in March 2018 (both ski flying).

- Stoch has won 32 individual World Cup events, one short of equalling Jens Weißflog (33) in fifth place all-time for most individual World Cup wins among men.
- Stoch has won two individual World Cup events in Lahti, in 2013/14 and 2017/18 (both large hill). He could become the first ski jumper to win successive individual World Cup large hill events in Lahti since Simon Ammann in 2010-2011.
- Only Matti Nykänen (8), Andreas Felder (4) and Adam Malysz (3) have won at least three individual World Cup events in Lahti.

Other contenders

- **Timi Zajc** claimed his first individual World Cup victory in Oberstdorf on 1 February (ski flying). He could become the first ski jumper representing Slovenia to claim multiple individual victories in a single World Cup season since Domen Prevc in 2016/17 (4).
- Zajc (18 years) could become the third ski jumper representing Slovenia to claim multiple individual World Cup victories before turning 19, after Primož Peterka (10) and Domen Prevc (4).
- **Dawid Kubacki** has claimed six podium spots in individual World Cup event this season, including his first individual career victory in Val de Fiemme on 13 January.
- Kubacki could become the fifth man representing Poland to claim multiple individual World Cup victories, after Adam Malysz (39), Kamil Stoch (32), Piotr Fijas (3) and Maciej Kot (2).
- Both Kubacki and **Piotr Zyla** are aiming for their 10th podium finish in an individual World Cup event. Only Malysz (92), Stoch (64) and Fijas (10) have reached at least 10 podium finishes for Poland.
- Zyla has claimed five podium finishes in individual World Cup events this season, but has yet to win. Zyla's only individual World Cup victory came in Oslo on 17 March 2013 (large hill).
- Zyla has finished in fourth place in each of the last four individual World Cup events.
- **Markus Eisenbichler** claimed two podium finishes in Oberstdorf last weekend: a third place on 1 February and a second place on 2 February. German ski jumpers have failed to win the last 13 individual World Cup events, since Karl Geiger's win in Engelberg on 15 December 2018.

Matti Nykänen (17 July 1963 - 4 February 2019)

- Matti Nykänen won a record five Olympic medals in men's ski jumping in 1984-1988: G4-S1-B0.
- Nykänen is the only ski jumper to have won three gold medals at a single Olympic Winter Games - gold in the normal hill, large hill and team event at the Calgary 1988 Olympic Winter Games.
- Nykänen claimed 14 medals at world championships (G6-S2-B6), fourth most behind Gregor Schlierenzauer (17), Janne Ahonen (17) and Thomas Morgenstern (16).

- Only Morgenstern (11), Schlierenzauer (10) and Wolfgang Loitzl (8) won more world titles than Nykänen (6).
- Nykänen won 46 World Cup events, joint-second most among men alongside Janne Ahonen (46). Only Schlierenzauer (69) has won more.
- Nykänen won eight individual World Cup events in Lahti. That is the all-time record for most individual World Cup wins by one ski jumper at a single venue.

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