

## PREVIEW Men INDIVIDUAL - LARGE HILL – Saturday 16 Feb 2019

### Kamil Stoch

- Last weekend in Lahti, Kamil Stoch won his 33rd individual World Cup event, equalling Jens Weißflog in fifth place all-time among men. Janne Ahonen is in fourth place on 36 wins.
- Stoch could win three successive individual events in the World Cup for the first time since winning all four events in the 2017/18 Four Hills tournament.
- Stoch has won a joint-record three individual World Cup events in Willingen, alongside Noriaki Kasai.
- Stoch has only recorded more individual World Cup victories in Zakopane (4) than in Willingen (3).
- Last season, Stoch won the first edition of the Willingen Five, a classification of the qualification on Friday and the four individual rounds on Saturday and Sunday.

### Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu Kobayashi is leading the overall World Cup standings by 431 points. He will secure the overall World Cup title if he leads by at least 600 points after the two events in Willingen.
- Kobayashi could become the first non-European winner of the men's World Cup overall title.
- Two Asian ski jumpers have finished on the men's overall World Cup podium: Noriaki Kasai (third in 1993 and 1999) and Kazuyoshi Funaki (second in 1998, third in 1997).
- Kobayashi (10) could become the sixth ski jumper to win at least 11 individual World Cup events in a single season. The last to achieve this was Peter Prevc (15) in 2015/16 (all-time record for most in one season).
- The only Japanese men to have claimed more individual victories in the World Cup than Kobayashi (10) are Kasai (17) and Funaki (15).
- Kobayashi (14) could equal the Japanese men's record for most individual World Cup podiums in one season, set by Funaki (15) in 1998/99.

### Other contenders

- **Stefan Kraft** could win four individual World Cup events in one season for the second time, after winning eight in 2016/17.
- Last season, **Norway** won both individual events in Willingen as Daniel-André Tande (3 February) and Johann André Forfang (4 February) emerged victorious.
- Seven ski jumpers have won multiple individual World Cup events in Willingen, but none of them is Norwegian.
- The last Norwegian to win an individual event in the World Cup is Forfang, who won the first event in Nizhny Tagil on 1 December 2018.

- **Dawid Kubacki** could become the fifth Polish man to claim multiple individual World Cup victories, after Adam Malysz (39), Kamil Stoch (33), Pjotr Fijas (3) and Maciej Kot (2).
- Kubacki and **Piotr Zyla** are aiming for their 10th podium finish in an individual World Cup event. Only Malysz (92), Stoch (65) and Fijas (10) have reached at least 10 podium finishes for Poland.
- **German** ski jumpers have failed to win the last 14 individual World Cup events, since Karl Geiger's win in Engelberg on 15 December 2018.
- Three German men have won an individual World Cup event in Willingen: Andreas Wellinger (2017), Severin Freund (2011, 2015) and Sven Hannawald (2002, 2003).

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