

## PREVIEW Men INDIVIDUAL - LARGE HILL – Sunday 10 Mar 2019

### Markus Eisenbichler

- At the 2019 world championships in Austria, Markus Eisenbichler won the world title in the men's individual large hill. It was his first individual world title.
- Eisenbichler also won the world title in the men's team large hill and the mixed team event. He joined Gregor Schlierenzauer (2011) and Thomas Morgenstern (2011) as only ski jumpers to have won three world titles in a single year.
- Eisenbichler has claimed nine podium finishes in individual World Cup events, but has yet to win his first individual World Cup event. The only man to claim more individual World Cup podium finishes without winning is Olav Hansson (11).
- Since the start of 2018, only one German ski jumper has won an individual World Cup event: Karl Geiger in Engelberg on 15 December 2018 and in Willingen on 16 February 2019.
- The last German ski jumper to win an individual World Cup event in Norway was Severin Freund in Lillehammer (normal hill) on 5 December 2015.

### Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu Kobayashi is leading the overall World Cup standings by 475 points. He will secure the overall World Cup title if he leads by at least 500 points after the event in Oslo.
- 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 (3rd in 1993 and 1999) and Kazuyoshi Funaki (2nd in 1998, 2nd in 1997).
- At age 22, Kobayashi could become the youngest ski jumper to win the overall World Cup title since Gregor Schlierenzauer (19 years) in 2009.
- Kobayashi (11) could become the fourth ski jumper to win at least 12 individual World Cup events in a single season, after Peter Prevc (15 in 2015/16), Gregor Schlierenzauer (13 in 2008/09) and Janne Ahonen (12 in 2004/05).
- Kobayashi (16) has already broken the Japanese men's record for most individual World Cup podiums in one season, previously held by Funaki (15 in 1998/99). The last man to claim more individual podiums in a single season was Stefan Kraft (17) in 2016/17.
- Kobayashi could become the third Japanese male ski jumper to win an individual World Cup event in Oslo, after Funaki (1997) and Kasai (1999).

## Kamil Stoch

- Kamil Stoch (33) is level with Jens Weißflog in fifth place all-time on most individual World Cup events on the men's side. Janne Ahonen is in fourth place on 36 wins.
- Stoch has yet to claim his first individual World Cup victory in Oslo. His best results in 13 appearances were third places on 9 March 2014 and 15 March 2015.
- The only Polish male ski jumpers to win an individual World Cup event in Oslo are Adam Malysz (5) and Piotr Zyla (1).
- Last season, Stoch won the second Raw Air competition. Stoch won seven of the 10 events included in the competition (qualification, individual events and individual jumps in team events).

## Other contenders

- **Dawid Kubacki** won the world title in the men's individual normal hill in Seefeld on 1 March. He became the second Polish jumper to win the normal hill world title, after Adam Malysz (2001, 2003, 2007).
- Kubacki won his first individual World Cup event in Val di Fiemme on 13 January 2019. He could become the fifth Polish man to claim multiple individual World Cup victories, after Malysz (39), Kamil Stoch (33), Piotr Fijas (3) and Maciej Kot (2).
- Kubacki (9) is aiming for his 10th podium finish in an individual World Cup event. Only Malysz (92), Stoch (66), Fijas (10) and **Piotr Zyla** (10) have reached at least 10 individual podium finishes for Poland.
- **Daniel-André Tande** won the World Cup event in Oslo last season on 11 March 2018. No Norwegian ski jumper has won multiple individual World Cup events in Oslo.
- Norwegian men could win successive individual World Cup events in Oslo for the first time.
- **Stefan Kraft** could win four individual World Cup events in one season for the second time, after winning eight in 2016/17.
- **Gregor Schlierenzauer** has won 13 individual World Cup events in Norway. He is the only ski jumper to win at least 10 individual World Cup events in a single country.

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