

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL - LARGE HILL – Tuesday 12 Mar 2019

Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu Kobayashi became the first non-European winner of the men's World Cup overall standings after his fifth place in Oslo last Sunday.
- 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 Kazuyoshi 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 first non-European winner of a World Cup event in Lillehammer. The last non-European to win a World Cup event on Norwegian snow was Daiki Ito in Trondheim on 8 March 2012.

Robert Johansson

- Robert Johansson has won the last two individual World Cup events held in Norway: in Vikersund (ski flying) on 18 March 2018 and in Oslo (large hill) on 10 March 2019.
- These are Johansson's only two individual World Cup wins. Four of his eight team wins in the World Cup also came in Norway.
- Johansson can become the second Norwegian to win three individual World Cup events in Norway, after Roar Ljøkelsøy (3).
- The last Norwegian to win a World Cup meet in Lillehammer was Kenneth Gangnes, on the normal hill on 6 December 2015.
- The last local favourite to triumph on the large hill in Lillehammer was Ljøkelsøy on 12 March 2004.
- Johansson is leading the Raw Air standings after the events in Oslo. Last year, he finished in second place behind Kamil Stoch after claiming a podium in eight of the 10 events.

Kamil Stoch

- Kamil Stoch (33) is level with Jens Weißflog in fifth place all-time for most individual World Cup event victories on the men's side. Janne Ahonen is in fourth place on 36 wins.
- Stoch has won each of the last two World Cup events in Lillehammer, in December 2016 and March 2018. He could become the first man to win three successive World Cup events in Lillehammer.
- Last season, Stoch won the Raw Air competition. Stoch won seven of the 10 events included in the competition (qualification, individual events and individual jumps in team events). He is currently in 11th place after the events in Oslo.

Other contenders

- The 2019 world champion in the men's large hill, **Markus Eisenbichler**, has claimed nine podium finishes in individual World Cup events, but has yet to win his first victory. 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.
- **Dawid Kubacki**, the 2019 world champion in the men's individual normal hill, 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 Adam Malysz (39), Kamil Stoch (33), Pjotr 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.
- In Oslo, **Peter Prevc** claimed a podium spot in an individual World Cup event for the first time in over a year (third in Zakopane 2018).
- Prevc's last individual World Cup victory came in the large hill in Sapporo on 11 February 2017.
- **Stefan Kraft** claimed his ninth individual World Cup podium finish of the season in Oslo. He could become the second Austrian man on 10+ individual WC podiums in at least three seasons, after Gregor Schlierenzauer (4).
- Kraft could win four individual World Cup events in one season for the second time, after winning eight in 2016/17.

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