

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL - LARGE HILL – Thursday 14 Mar 2019

Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu Kobayashi, winner of the World Cup overall standings, is in third-place at the Raw Air tournament behind Robert Johansson (1st) and Stefan Kraft (2nd) coming into the events in Trondheim.
- 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 (17) could become the fourth man to claim 18 individual WC podiums in a single season, after Prevc (22 in 2015/16), Schlierenzauer (20 in 2008/09) and Martin Schmitt (18 in 1998/99).
- Kobayashi could become the fourth Japanese winner in Trondheim, after Masahiko Harada (1998), Noriaki Kasai (1999) and Daiki Ito (2012).

Robert Johansson

- Robert Johansson is the leader in the Raw Air standings coming into the events in Trondheim. Last year, he finished in second place behind Kamil Stoch, after claiming a podium in eight of the 10 events.
- Both of Johansson's individual World Cup victories have come in Norway: in Vikersund (ski flying) on 18 March 2018 and in Oslo (large hill) on 10 March 2019.
- Johansson can become the second Norwegian to win three individual World Cup events in Norway, after Roar Ljøkelsøy (3).
- Johansson could become the fourth Norwegian to win an individual World Cup event in Trondheim, after Sigurd Pettersen (2002), Roar Ljøkelsøy (2003) and Anders Bardal (2014).
- Johansson (9) is one shy of his 10th individual WC podium finish. Norway (5) is the only country where he has claimed multiple individual WC podium spots.

Stefan Kraft

- Stefan Kraft claimed the victory in Lillehammer on Tuesday and he could now win successive individual World Cup events for the first time since winning in Zakopane and both events in Sapporo in January.
- Kraft has claimed one WC victory in Trondheim (2017) and he could become the fourth man to win here twice, after Heinz Kuttin, Janne Ahonen, Thomas Morgenstern and Kamil Stoch (all 2 wins).
- Kraft (75) is level with Andreas Goldberger (75) in third place for most World Cup podiums in all events among Austrian men. Only counting individual WC podiums, Kraft (54) is level with Ernst Vettori (54) in fourth place among Austrian men.
- Kraft could win five individual World Cup events in one season for the second time, after winning eight in 2016/17.

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 two individual World Cup events in Trondheim: large hills in 2013 and 2018. He could become the first man to win three individual WC events in Trondheim.
- 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 sixth place after the events in Lillehammer.

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 claim 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. Freund also won in Trondheim in 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), Piotr Fijas (3) and Maciej Kot (2).
- Poland has only won more individual World Cup events in Germany (15) than in Norway (12) and Poland (12).

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