

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL - SKI FLYING – 22 & 24 Mar 2019

Ski Flying World Cup

- Ryoyu Kobayashi (227) leads the ski flying standings ahead of Markus Eisenbichler (211) and Kamil Stoch (207).
- The ski flying World Cup has never been won by a non-European ski jumper.
- Austria has won the ski flying World Cup a record seven times, leading Slovenia (6), Germany (4), Czech Republic (2), Norway (1) and Switzerland (1).
- Gregor Schlierenzauer and Peter Prevc have won the ski flying standings a record three times.

Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu Kobayashi has already won the overall World Cup, Four Hills, Willingen Five and Raw Air standings this season. Kobayashi (227) currently has a 16-points lead in the ski flying standings over second-placed Markus Eisenbichler (211).
- Last season, Kamil Stoch won the overall, Four Hills, Willingen Five, Raw Air and Planica7 standings. Andreas Stjernen won the ski flying World Cup, seven points ahead of both Robert Johansson and Stoch.
- Kobayashi can become the fifth man to win the overall, Four Hills and ski flying standings in one season, after Peter Prevc (2016), Gregor Schlierenzauer (2013), Primož Peterka (1997) and Andreas Goldberger (1995).
- Kobayashi (12) could become the third ski jumper to win at least 13 individual World Cup events in a single season, after Peter Prevc (15) in 2015/16 and Gregor Schlierenzauer (13) in 2008/09. Janne Ahonen won 12 events in 2004/05.
- Kobayashi (19) could become the third man to claim at least 20 individual World Cup podiums in a single season, after Peter Prevc (22) in 2015/16 and Schlierenzauer (20) in 2008/09.
- Kobayashi won the ski flying event in Oberstdorf on 2 February and could become the third Japanese ski jumper to win multiple individual World Cups in ski flying, after Noriaki Kasai (3) and Takanobu Okabe (3).
- Kasai was the last Japanese man to win a World Cup event in Planica on 21 March 1999, one day after compatriot Hideharu Miyahira's ski flying win on the Slovenian hill.

Stefan Kraft

- Ryoyu Kobayashi (12) and Stefan Kraft (4) are the only men with more than two individual World Cup victories this season.
- Kraft could win five individual World Cup events in one season for the second time, after winning eight in 2016/17.

- Kraft has won four individual ski flying events in the World Cup. The only Austrians to have claimed more victories are Gregor Schlierenzauer (14, overall record) and Andreas Goldberger (5).

Kamil Stoch

- Kamil Stoch (33) is level with Jens Weißflog in fifth place all-time for most individual World Cup victories on the men's side. Janne Ahonen is in fourth place on 36 wins.
- Stoch has won five individual World Cup ski flying events, equal to Andreas Goldberger in sixth place all-time. Only Gregor Schlierenzauer (14), Peter Prevc (7), Matti Nykänen (6), Adam Malysz (6) and Robert Kranjec (6) have won more.
- Three of Stoch's individual ski flying victories came in Planica, including two last season. Only Schlierenzauer (5) has won more on the Slovenian ski flying hill.
- Schlierenzauer (2008-2009) was the last man to win three successive individual ski flying events in Planica. No ski jumper has won four in a row there.

Other contenders

- **Domen Prevc** can become the first man to win successive individual ski flying events since Kamil Stoch won both events in Planica last season.
- Domen's older brother Peter Prevc was the last Slovenian ski jumper to win an individual World Cup event in front of a home crowd when he won the ski flying event in Planica on 20 March 2016.
- Slovenia has won eight individual World Cup events in Planica, second-most behind Austria (10).
- 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).
- Eisenbichler has claimed three podium finishes in individual ski flying events, including a third and second place in Oberstdorf last February.
- 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 ski flying World Cup event was Severin Freund in Vikersund on 15 February 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 finished second and third in the individual ski flying World Cup events in Oberstdorf last February.



- **Evgeniy Klimov** won the first individual World Cup event this season, in Wisla on 18 November. Since then, he has recorded one more podium finish - a second place in the individual ski flying World Cup event in Oberstdorf on 3 February.
- Klimov could become the first Russian to win an individual ski flying World Cup event.

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