

## PREVIEW Men INDIVIDUAL - LARGE HILL – Sunday 24 Nov 2019

### Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Last season, Ryoyu Kobayashi became the first Asian ski jumper to win the men's overall World Cup.
- Kobayashi could become the first ski jumper to win consecutive overall World Cups since Janne Ahonen in 2003/04 and 2004/05.
- Kobayashi won 13 individual World Cup events last season. It was the third time a jumper won at least 13 individual events in a season, after Peter Prevc in 2015/16 (15) and Gregor Schlierenzauer in 2008/09 (13).
- Among male Japanese ski jumpers, only Noriaki Kasai (17) and Kazuyoshi Funaki (15) have won more individual World Cup events than Kobayashi (13).
- Last season, Poland was one of two countries where Kobayashi entered a World Cup event but failed to win, next to his home country Japan. Kobayashi finished third in Wisla and seventh in Zakopane.

### Kamil Stoch

- Kamil Stoch is hoping to become the fourth ski jumper to win at least three overall World Cup titles among men, after Adam Malysz (4), Matti Nykänen (4) and Andreas Goldberger (3).
- Stoch (33) is level with Jens Weißflog in fifth place all-time for most individual World Cup victories among men. Only Gregor Schlierenzauer (53), Nykänen (46), Malysz (39) and Janne Ahonen (36) have won more individual events.
- Stoch is the only jumper to have won at least one individual World Cup event in each of the last three seasons.
- Stoch (2) is the only jumper to claim multiple individual World Cup wins in Wisla. He won both large hill events held in Wisla in January 2017.
- Stoch (4) also is the jumper to claim most individual podium finishes in Wisla. Only Stefan Kraft (3) and Andreas Wellinger (2) have also finished on the podium in Wisla on multiple occasions.
- In total, Stoch has won six individual World Cup events on Polish snow, more than any other jumper. Gregor Schlierenzauer (5) and Kraft (3) are the only other active jumpers to claim multiple victories in Poland.
- Only in Germany (8) has Stoch won more individual World Cup events than in Poland (6).
- Stoch (9) could become the first ski jumper to claim 10 individual World Cup podium finishes on Polish snow.
- Stoch has never won the opening individual event of a World Cup season. The only Polish jumpers to do so were Malysz in Kuopio in 2001/02 and Krzysztof Biegun in Klingenthal in 2013/14.

## Stefan Kraft

- Stefan Kraft finished in second place in the overall World Cup standings in 2018/19, behind Ryoyu Kobayashi.
- Since the start of the 2017/18 season, only Stoch (22) and Kobayashi (21) have claimed more podium finishes in individual World Cup events than Kraft (20).
- The only ski jumpers to have reached the podium in an individual World Cup event in each of the last five seasons are Kraft and Peter Prevc (both 7 consecutive seasons).
- Each of the last 12 individual victories by an Austrian ski jumper were wins by Kraft. The most recent Austrian winner other than Kraft was Michael Hayböck in Engelberg (large hill) on 17 December 2016.
- The last Austrian jumper to win the opening individual event of a World Cup season was Andreas Kofler in Ruka in 2011/12.

## Other contenders

- The last jumper to win the opening individual World Cup event of the season and went on to win the overall World Cup standings was Thomas Morgenstern in 2007/08.
- **Dawid 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 Adam Malysz (39), Kamil Stoch (33), Pjotr Fijas (3) and Maciej Kot (2).
- **Evgeniy Klimov** won the first individual World Cup of last season, also in Wisla. The last jumper to win the opening individual World Cup event in consecutive seasons was Andreas Kofler in 2010/11 and 2011/12, when he won the first large hill event in Ruka in both seasons.
- The only other jumpers to win successive opening World Cup events are Dieter Thoma (1988-1989, 1996-1997) and Martin Schmitt (3 in a row, 1998-2000).
- The win in Wisla last season is Klimov's only individual World Cup victory to-date.
- **Gregor Schlierenzauer** (53) has won the most individual World Cup events among men, while only Janne Ahonen (108) and Adam Malysz (92) have finished on the podium more often than Schlierenzauer (88).
- Schlierenzauer's last individual World Cup podium finish was in Nizhny Tagil on 13 December 2014 (2nd in large hill).
- **Noriaki Kasai** is both the oldest ski jumper to win an individual World Cup event (42 years, 176 days in Ruka on 29 November 2014) and the oldest jumper to finish on the podium (44 years, 293 days in Planica on 26 March 2017).
- Kasai will participate in his 31st different World Cup season - since 1988/89, when he made his debut, he has only missed out on the 1994/95 season due to injury.
- The last **German** jumper to win the opening individual event of the World Cup season was Severin Freund in 2012/13 (Lillehammer).



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