

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL LARGE HILL ENGELBERG – 21-22 Dec 2019

Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu Kobayashi, winner of last season's overall World Cup, won the most recent World Cup event in Klingenthal to claim his first World Cup victory of the season.
- Kobayashi failed to reach the podium in each of the first three individual World Cup events this season, before jumping to third place on the second day in Nizhny Tagil and to victory in Klingenthal last Sunday.
- Kobayashi can now claim back-to-back wins in individual World Cup events for the first time since a run of six victories in a row between December 2018 and January 2019.
- Kobayashi won the second jump in Engelberg last season and can now become the first jumper from Japan to claim multiple individual World Cup victories in the Swiss town. Masahiko Harada (1997) and Kazuyoshi Funaki (1999) both won once in Engelberg.
- Two wins in Engelberg this weekend would make Kobayashi the first ever jumper to win three consecutive individual World Cup events in the Swiss town. The last jumper to win both jumps in Engelberg in the same weekend was Peter Prevc in 2015.
- Kobayashi has only won more individual World Cup events in Oberstdorf (2) and Ruka (2) than in Engelberg (1).

Stefan Kraft

- Each of the last 13 individual World Cup wins by an Austrian ski jumper were victories by Stefan Kraft. The most recent Austrian winner other than Kraft was Michael Hayböck in Engelberg on 17 December 2016.
- Since the start of the 2016/17 campaign, only Kamil Stoch (18) and Ryoyu Kobayashi (14) have won more individual World Cup events than Kraft (13).
- Only Stoch (23) and Kobayashi (23) have claimed more podium finishes in individual World Cup events since the start of the 2017/18 season than Kraft (22).
- Kraft has won seven World Cup events in 2019 (includes team events) and needs one more victory to match his personal record for most wins a single calendar year: eight in 2017.
- Kraft is hoping to claim his first individual World Cup win in Engelberg. The 23-year-old finished on the podium in the Swiss town on two occasions, third-place finishes on both 18 December 2016 and 17 December 2017. Last season, Kraft finished eighth in the first jump and 12th in the second.

Other contenders

- **Daniel-André Tande** won the opening two individual World Cup events of this season, in Wisla and Ruka, before finishing 21st and fourth in Nizhny Tagil and 18th in Klingenthal.
- Tande could break the Norwegian record for most World Cup wins (individual and team). He now shares the record of 17 with Roar Ljøkelsøy.
- Tande (7) could join Bjørn Eimar Romøren and Espen Bredesen (both 8) in fourth place among Norwegians to claim most individual World Cup wins.
- **Yukiya Sato** could claim his second individual World Cup win, after winning the first jump in Nizhny Tagil earlier this season. That was only his second podium finish, after a third place in Zakopane last January.
- **Anže Lanišek** (2) and **Philipp Aschenwald** (2) are two of five jumpers to have claimed multiple individual World Cup podium finishes in 2019/20, alongside Tande (2), Stefan Kraft and Ryoyu Kobayashi (2).
- **Peter Prevc** (22) could enter the top-10 for most men's individual World Cup wins. Simon Ammann and Thomas Morgenstern share ninth place on 23 victories.
- In 2015, Prevc was the last jumper to win both individual World Cup events in the same weekend in Engelberg.
- **Karl Geiger** won the first of two individual jumps in Engelberg last season, his maiden individual World Cup victory. He claimed his second in Willingen later last season (16 February 2019).
- The last jumper from Switzerland to win an individual World Cup event on home snow was **Simon Ammann**, who won two of the three events in Engelberg in December 2009.
- Ammann was also the last Swiss jumper to reach the podium in an individual World Cup event on home snow, as he finished second in Engelberg on 21 December 2014.
- **Kamil Stoch** (33) is level with Jens Weißflog in fifth place on the all-time list for most men's individual World Cup victories. Only Gregor Schlierenzauer (53), Matti Nykänen (46), Adam Malysz (39) and Janne Ahonen (36) have won more individual events.

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