

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL LARGE HILL TITISEE-NEUSTADT - 18-19 Jan 2020

Karl Geiger

- Karl Geiger won both events in Val di Fiemme last weekend. He became the first German ski jumper to win an individual World Cup event in Val di Fiemme since Martin Schmitt on 8 December 1998.
- Geiger claimed his first World Cup wins of the season in Val di Fiemme. Geiger now has four individual World Cup event wins in his career – Engelberg on 15 December 2018, Willingen on 16 February 2019 and twice in Val di Fiemme last weekend.
- Geiger finished in third place in this season's Four Hills Tournament. He ended up in second place on three of the four hills, with the only exception an eighth-place finish in Innsbruck.
- World Cup leader Geiger has claimed seven individual podium finishes this World Cup season, more than any other ski jumper. Dawid Kubacki follows on six top-three finishes. Marius Lindvik has claimed five podium spots.
- Geiger could become the fourth German ski jumper to win a World Cup event in Titisee-Neustadt, after Sven Hannawald on 2 December 2001, Severin Freund on 7 February 2015 and Richard Freitag on 10 December 2017, in what was the most recent World Cup event held in the German town.
- Geiger could become the first German ski jumper to win more than two individual World Cups in a row since Friends' run of four victories in March 2015.

Dawid Kubacki

- Dawid Kubacki finished in third place in both World Cup events in Val di Fiemme last weekend. The 29-year-old has finished on the podium in each of the last six individual World Cup events, the longest podium streak in his career and the longest active podium run of all jumpers.
- Kubacki won the Four Hills Tournament earlier this month. He became the third Polish ski jumper to win the Four Hills competition, after Adam Malysz (2001) and Kamil Stoch (2017, 2018).
- Kubacki has yet to finish in the top-10 in an individual World Cup event in Titisee-Neustadt. His best result in five participations in the German town is an 11th place on 10 December 2017.
- Kubacki can become the third Polish ski jumper to win an individual World Cup event in Titisee-Neustadt after Kamil Stoch in 2013 and Adam Malysz in 2007 (2 wins) and 2001.

Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu Kobayashi has failed to reach the podium in each of his last five individual World Cup appearances, his longest drought since the day he claimed his first individual senior podium, a third place in Wisla on 18 November 2018.
- Kobayashi finished in 26th and 25th place in the two World Cup events in Val di Fiemme last weekend, his lowest ranks since a 28th-place finish in the ski flying event in Tauplitz/Bad Mittendorf on 13 January 2018.

- Kobayashi's best result in an individual World Cup event in Titisee-Neustadt is a 44th place on 12 March 2016.
- Kobayashi has won three individual World Cup events this season, more than any other ski jumper. The 23-year-old won in Klingenthal, Engelberg and Oberstdorf (all 3 in December).
- Kobayashi has won 16 career individual World Cup events. He could equal the record for most by a Japanese ski jumper, set by Noriaki Kasai (17).

Other contenders

- **Stefan Kraft** finished in second place in both World Cup events in Val di Fiemme last weekend. The 26-year-old won one individual World Cup event this season, in Nizhny Tagil on 8 December 2019.
- After his wins in Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Innsbruck, **Marius Lindvik** could become the third Norwegian jumper to win more than two individual World Cup events before his 22nd birthday, after Ole Bremseth (6, all in 1981/82) and Anders Jacobsen (4, all in 2006/07).
- Lindvik (2) and **Daniel-André Tande** (2) could both become the first Norwegian ski jumper to win three individual World Cup events in a single season since Anders Jacobsen (3) in 2012/13.
- Tande has won two individual World Cup events this season, equalling his personal best for a single season: two wins in both 2017/18 and 2016/17.
- Two of the last three individual World Cup events in Titisee-Neustadt have been won by a Norwegian jumper – Anders Fannemel on 8 February 2015 and Johann André Forfang on 12 March 2016.
- **Kamil Stoch** has won 34 individual World Cup events in his career, fifth-most all-time among men. Only Gregor Schlierenzauer (53), Matti Nykänen (46), Adam Malysz (39) and Janne Ahonen (36) have won more events.
- Stoch has claimed three podium finishes in individual World Cup events in Titisee-Neustadt, including a win on 15 December 2013. Only compatriot Adam Malysz (6) has claimed more than three individual World Cup finishes in the German town.
- The only Austrian jumpers to win an individual World Cup event in Titisee-Neustadt were Martin Höllwarth (twice in 2002/03) and Thomas Morgenstern (2013/14).
- **Gregor Schlierenzauer** never won an individual World Cup event in Titisee-Neustadt. In seven appearances, he reached the podium once – second place on 4 February 2007.
- Schlierenzauer's last podium finish in an individual World Cup event was a second place in Nizhny Tagil on 13 December 2014.

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