

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL LARGE HILL – ZAKOPANE Sunday 26 Jan 2020

Dawid Kubacki

- Dawid Kubacki won both individual World Cup events in Titisee-Neustadt last weekend. Kubacki claimed back-to-back individual World Cup wins for the first time in his career.
- The last ski jumper to win three consecutive World Cup events was Stefan Kraft in January 2019.
- Kubacki has now won three individual World Cup events in 2019/20, most of all jumpers alongside Ryoyu Kobayashi. Kubacki won Bischofshofen on 6 January before claiming the double in Titisee-Neustadt.
- Kubacki has finished on the podium in each of the last eight individual World Cup events, the longest podium streak in his career and the longest active podium run of all jumpers.
- Kubacki's eight individual World Cup event podiums in 2019/20 are most of all jumpers, leading by one over Germany's Karl Geiger (7).
- Kubacki became the third Polish ski jumper to win at least four individual World Cups, after Adam Malysz (39) and Kamil Stoch (34).
- 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).
- In 11 individual World Cup event participations in Zakopane, Kubacki's best result is a seventh place, in 2017/18. Last season he ended up in 12th place.
- Polish jumpers to win in Zakopane are Malysz and Stoch both four times and Stanislaw Bobak and Pjotr Fijas both once in 1980 (first two jumps on this hill for the World Cup).

Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu Kobayashi claimed a third and a second place in Titisee-Neustadt last weekend. He could now claim three individual World Cup podiums in a row for the first time this season.
- Until last weekend in Titisee-Neustadt, Kobayashi had failed to reach the podium in five straight 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 has won three individual World Cup events this season, most alongside Dawid Kubacki. He 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).
- Kobayashi now has 27 individual World Cup event podiums, third-most among Japanese jumpers. Only Noriaki Kasai (63) and Kazuyoshi Funaki (38) have more.

- Kobayashi is still without a podium finish in an individual World Cup event in Zakopane. His best result is seventh place, both in 2015/16 and last season.

Karl Geiger

- Karl Geiger, who won both events in Val di Fiemme two weekends ago, came in 12th place on Saturday and in fifth place on Sunday in Titisee-Neustadt.
- Geiger could win three individual World Cup events within a single season for the first time ever. He won Engelberg and Willingen in 2018/19 and twice in Val di Fiemme this season.
- World Cup leader Geiger has claimed seven individual podium finishes this World Cup season, only Dawid Kubacki has more (8).
- The last German jumper to record more than seven individual World Cup podiums in a single season was Richard Freitag (8) in 2017/18.

Other contenders

- **Stefan Kraft** finished in second place on Saturday in Titisee-Neustadt. The 26-year-old won one individual World Cup event this season, in Nizhny Tagil on 8 December 2019.
- Kraft now has five second place finishes in individual World Cup events to his name in 2019/20. The last jumper with more than five second places in a single season was Andreas Wellinger in 2016/17, who was a record-equalling eight times runner-up in that campaign.
- Kraft won this individual World Cup event in Zakopane last season. Norway's **Robert Johansson** came in second place, Japan's **Yukiya Sato** ended third. This was Kraft's second individual World Cup win on this hill, after doing so in 2015/16.
- Kraft could now win back-to-back individual World Cup events in Zakopane. Since 1980, five jumpers have won back-to-back individual World Cup events on this hill, most recently Kamil Stoch, who won successively in 2010/11 and 2011/12.
- 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.
- **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 won four individual World Cup events in Zakopane, one shy of record holder Gregor Schlierenzauer (5) and even with Adam Malysz (4) in second place.
- **Gregor 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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