

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL LARGE HILL SAPPORO - 1-2 Feb 2020

Dawid Kubacki

- Dawid Kubacki kept his podium streak alive last weekend in Zakopane, finishing in third place behind Kamil Stoch and Stefan Kraft.
- Kubacki has now finished on the podium in each of the last nine individual World Cup events, the longest podium streak in his career and the longest active podium run of all ski jumpers.
- Kubacki's nine individual World Cup event podiums in 2019/20 are most of all ski jumpers. Germany's Karl Geiger and Austria's Stefan Kraft follow on seven.
- Kubacki has won three individual World Cup events in 2019/20, most of all ski jumpers alongside Ryoyu Kobayashi. Kubacki won in Bischofshofen and claimed two victories in Titisee-Neustadt in January.
- Kubacki is the third Polish ski jumper to win at least four individual World Cup events in total, after Adam Malysz (39) and Kamil Stoch (35).
- In 12 participations in individual World Cup events in Sapporo, Kubacki has yet to finish in the top-10. Last season, he came in 15th and 12th place, his best individual World Cup event finishes on this hill to date.
- There have been three Polish individual World Cup event winners in Sapporo: Malysz (1997, twice in 2001), Maciej Kot and Stoch (both in 2017).

Stefan Kraft

- Stefan Kraft completed the double in the last individual World Cup weekend in Sapporo, winning on 26 and 27 January 2019.
- These two wins in 2019 ended a run of 12 individual World Cup events in Sapporo without an Austrian victory. Austrian ski jumpers have won a record 19 individual World Cup events on this hill.
- Kraft could become the second ski jumper since the first instalment in 1980 to win three successive individual World Cup events in Sapporo, after Matti Nykänen in 1987 (twice) and 1988. No ski jumper has won four in a row in Sapporo
- Kraft could become the second ski jumper from Austria claiming three or more individual World Cup wins in Sapporo, after Thomas Morgenstern (3).
- Kraft reached the podium in each of his last four individual World Cup participations in Sapporo (2 wins, 2 third place finishes).
- Kraft has five total individual World Cup podiums in Sapporo, joint sixth-most in history. Only Matti Nykänen, Roar Ljøkelsøy, Thomas Morgenstern (8 each), Peter Prevc and Janne Ahonen (6 each) have more.
- Kraft has finished on the podium of seven individual World Cup events in 2019/20, only Kubacki more (9). Only one of those seven podiums was a win – in Nizhny Tagil on 8 December 2019.
- Kraft's other six individual World Cup podiums were all as a runner-up. The last ski jumper with more than six 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 is on 63 total podium finishes in individual World Cup events, equalling Andreas Goldberger and Noriaki Kasai for ninth most.

Kamil Stoch

- Kamil Stoch completed his 35th career individual World Cup event win last weekend in Zakopane. Only Gregor Schlierenzauer (53), Matti Nykänen (46), Adam Malysz (39) and Janne Ahonen (36) have won more events. He could surpass Ahonen in Sapporo.
- That win in Zakopane was Stoch's second individual World Cup event win of the season, after Engelberg on 21 December 2019. Only Ryoyu Kobayashi and Dawid Kubacki (3 each) have more in 2019/20.
- Stoch won the individual World Cup event on this hill on 12 February 2017. Last year, he finished in second place on the first day and sixth on the second event.
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- Stoch only has more individual World Cup event podiums in Engelberg (9) and in Zakopane (6) than in Sapporo (5).
- The last three individual World Cup events in 2019/20 have been won by Polish ski jumpers. The last run of four Polish victories came when Stoch won all four hills of the 2017/18 Four Hills tournament.

Other contenders

- In Zakopane, **Ryoyu Kobayashi** (7th) missed the podium in an individual World Cup event for the 10th time this season. Over the whole of last season, he missed only seven podiums.
- Still, Kobayashi has won three individual World Cup events this season, most alongside Dawid Kubacki. He won in Klingenthal, Engelberg and Oberstdorf (all in December).
- Kobayashi has won 16 career individual World Cup events. In front of a home crowd, 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 ski jumpers. Only Noriaki Kasai (63) and Kazuyoshi Funaki (38) have more.
- Kobayashi's best result in individual World Cup events in Sapporo is a third place last year. The last Japanese ski jumper to win an individual World Cup event on this hill was Daiki Ito, who won both events in January 2012.
- **Karl 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 reached the podium in seven individual World Cup events in 2019/20, only Dawid Kubacki has more (9). The last German



- ski jumper to record more than seven individual World Cup podiums in a single season was Richard Freitag (8) in 2017/18.
- After his wins in Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Innsbruck, **Marius Lindvik** could become the third Norwegian ski 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 jumpers 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.
 - **Gregor Schlierenzauer**'s last podium finish in an individual World Cup event was a second place in Nizhny Tagil on 13 December 2014.
 - On two occasions, two ski jumpers finished on exactly the same number of points, therefore sharing the win in Sapporo: Austria's Andreas Goldberger and Finland's Ari-Pekka Nikkola in 1996 and Poland's Maciej Kot and Slovenia's Peter Prevc in 2017.

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