

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL - LARGE HILL WILLINGEN – 8-9 Feb 2020

Stefan Kraft

- Stefan Kraft won the second event in Sapporo last weekend and can win back-to-back individual World Cup events for the first time in more than a year. In January 2019, he was victorious in Zakopane before winning both events in Sapporo.
- Kraft has finished on the podium of nine individual World Cup events in 2019/20, including in six of the last seven events. Only Dawid Kubacki has more (10). Two of Kraft's nine podiums were wins, in Nizhny Tagil on 8 December 2019 and in Sapporo last weekend.
- Kraft's other seven individual World Cup podiums were all as a runner-up. The record for most second place finishes in a single individual World Cup season is eight, by Janne Ahonen in 1999/2000, Simon Ammann in 2008/09, Thomas Morgenstern in 2010/11 and Andreas Wellinger in 2016/17.
- Kraft is on 65 total podium finishes in individual World Cup events, which is ninth all-time. His next target on this ranking is Kamil Stoch (69).
- Kraft (1063) is the new leader in the individual World Cup 2019/20, surpassing Karl Geiger (1000) in Sapporo. Kraft won the individual World Cup in 2016/17.
- Kraft collected one podium finish in eight individual World Cup event participations in Willingen, a second place, 0.3 points behind Andreas Wellinger on 29 January 2017.
- No Austrian has won an individual World Cup event in Willingen since Gregor Schlierenzauer in 2009/10. Since the start of 2010/11, there have been four individual World Cup venues without a win for Austria – Willingen (0 in 12 events), Klingenthal (0 in 7), Tauplitz/Bad Mitterndorf (0 in 6), Almaty (0 in 2) and Falun (0 in 1)

Kamil Stoch

- Kamil Stoch (3) is joint record holder for most individual World Cup event victories in Willingen, alongside Noriaki Kasai.
- Stoch is the only ski jumper to win three consecutive individual World Cup events here in Willingen, on 1 and 2 February 2014 and on 30 January 2015.
- Stoch has five total individual World Cup podiums in Willingen, only Germany's Severin Freund (6) has more.
- Stoch only has more individual World Cup event podiums in Engelberg (9) and Zakopane (6).
- Stoch has only recorded more individual World Cup victories in Zakopane (5) than in Willingen (3).
- In 2017/18, Stoch won the first edition of the Willingen Five, a classification of the qualification on Friday and the four individual rounds on Saturday and Sunday. Last season, he finished fourth in this classification.

- Stoch completed his 35th career individual World Cup event win last month 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 Willingen.
- Stoch has two individual World Cup event wins this season, in Engelberg on 21 December 2019 and in Zakopane on 26 January 2020.
- This is Stoch's ninth season in which he managed multiple individual World Cup victories, an outright record. Matti Nykänen, Gregor Schlierenzauer and Janne Ahonen have eight such seasons.

Dawid Kubacki

- In Sapporo on Sunday, Dawid Kubacki (6th) saw his podium streak come to an end after 10 straight top three finishes.
- Kubacki's 10 individual World Cup event podiums in 2019/20 are still most of all ski jumpers. Stefan Kraft follows on nine.
- 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).
- Kubacki finished in the top seven in each of his last four individual World Cup events in Willingen. His best result here is a third place on 3 February 2018.
- Kubacki could become the third Polish individual World Cup event winner in Willingen, after Stoch (3 times) and Malysz (1).

Other contenders

- In 2019/20, there are eight different winners of an individual World Cup event. These eight competitors all completed multiple individual World Cup event wins this season, still none of them has more than three.
- The only other season in which at least eight different ski jumpers had at least two individual World Cup victories was in 2014/15 (also 8).
- Last season, only three ski jumpers had multiple individual World Cup event victories coming into Willingen, with Ryoyu Kobayashi leading on 10 individual World Cup event wins. Stefan Kraft had three, Kamil Stoch two at that point.
- In Sapporo last Saturday, **Ryoyu Kobayashi** (15th) missed the podium in an individual World Cup event for the 11th time this season. Over the whole of last season, he missed only seven podiums.
- Kobayashi bounced back with a third place on Sunday. He now has 28 individual World Cup event podiums, third-most among Japanese ski jumpers. Only Noriaki Kasai (63) and Kazuyoshi Funaki (38) have more.
- Kobayashi has won three individual World Cup events this season, still most alongside Dawid Kubacki. He won in Klingenthal, Engelberg and Oberstdorf (all in December). Kobayashi (16) could equal the record for

most individual World Cup wins by a Japanese ski jumper, set by Noriaki Kasai (17).

- Kobayashi is winless in 10 individual World Cup participations since Oberstdorf on 29 December. This is his longest individual World Cup drought since he claimed his first ever win, in Ruka on 24 November 2018.
- Last season, Kobayashi won the second instalment of the Willingen Five, a classification of the qualification on Friday and the four individual rounds on Saturday and Sunday.
- **Karl Geiger** could win three individual World Cup events within a single season for the first time ever. He won in Engelberg and Willingen in 2018/19 and twice in Val di Fiemme this season.
- Geiger won the individual World Cup event on Saturday in Willingen last season.
- Geiger has seven individual World Cup podiums in 2019/20, only Dawid Kubacki (10) and Stefan Kraft (9) have more. 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 campaign: two wins in both 2017/18 and 2016/17. Tande has already claimed an individual World Cup event win in Willingen, on 3 February 2018.
- **Yukiya Sato** won on Saturday in Sapporo, his second individual World Cup win in his career. The other also came this season, on 7 December 2019 in Nizhny Tagil.
- Sato's only other individual World Cup event podium came on 20 January 2019, when he finished third in Zakopane.
- **Gregor Schlierenzauer**'s last podium finish in an individual World Cup event was a second place in Nizhny Tagil on 13 December 2014.
- Since three wins on the trot by Stoch in Willingen, there have been seven different winners in individual World Cup events here – Severin Freund, Peter Prevc, Andreas Wellinger, Daniel-André Tande, Johann André Forfang, Karl Geiger and Ryoyu Kobayashi.

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