

## PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL - SKI FLYING TAUPLITZ - 15-16 Feb 2020

### Stefan Kraft

- Stefan Kraft (1113) leads the individual World Cup 2019/20 by 68 points over second-placed Karl Geiger (1045). Kraft won the individual World Cup in 2016/17.
- Since the Four Hills Tournament (no top-3 finishes), Kraft has not missed the podium in back-to-back individual World Cup events. This could happen here, after his fourth place in Willingen last week.
- Besides his nine podium finishes in individual World Cup events in 2019/20, Kraft came in fourth place on five occasions.
- Kraft now has 20 total fourth place finishes in individual World Cup events. Only Janne Ahonen (30), Gregor Schlierenzauer (23), Noriaki Kasai (22) and Ernst Vettori (22) have more.
- Kraft has finished on the podium of nine individual World Cup events in 2019/20, including in six of the last eight events. Only Dawid Kubacki has more (10). Two of Kraft's nine podiums were wins, in Nizhny Tagil on 8 December and in Sapporo two weeks ago.
- 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 (70).
- Kraft registered one podium finish in four individual World Cup event participations in Tauplitz/Bad Mitterndorf, a second place behind Severin Freund on 10 January 2015.

### Kamil Stoch

- Kamil Stoch has only one podium finish in Tauplitz/Bad Mitterndorf, a third place on 15 January 2012.
- Tauplitz/Bad Mitterndorf could be Stoch's 19th venue in which he registers at least one individual World Cup event win. This would rank him joint-third alongside Matti Nykänen (19). Only Gregor Schlierenzauer (21), Adam Malysz (20) have won in more individual World Cup event locations.
- Stoch (35) is one shy of Janne Ahonen (36) for fourth-most career individual World Cup event wins all-time. Only Schlierenzauer (53), Nykänen (46) and Malysz (39) have won even more events.
- Stoch has two individual World Cup event wins this season, in Engelberg on 21 December and in Zakopane on 26 January.
- This is Stoch's ninth season in which he managed multiple individual World Cup victories, an outright record. Nykänen, Schlierenzauer and Ahonen have eight such seasons.

- Stoch ended on the podium in four individual World Cup events in 2019/20. Besides his two wins, he came in third in Wisla on 24 November and in Willingen last Saturday.

### Other contenders

- **Stephan Leyhe** registered his first ever individual World Cup event victory last weekend in Willingen. He came in second place in the Sunday event in Sapporo a week earlier. His only other podium has been a second place in Wisla on 18 November 2018.
- In 2019/20, there are eight different winners of multiple individual World Cup events. The only other season in which at least eight different ski jumpers had at least two individual World Cup victories was 2014/15 (8). Leyhe is currently the only ski jumper on one win.
- Last season, only four ski jumpers had multiple individual World Cup event victories, with Ryoyu Kobayashi leading on 13 individual World Cup event wins. Stefan Kraft had four, Kamil Stoch and Karl Geiger two at that point.
- Of the eight multiple individual World Cup event winners this season, five claimed their wins in back-to-back events – Daniel André Tande, Ryoyu Kobayashi, Marius Lindvik, Karl Geiger and Dawid Kubacki. Leyhe could be the sixth ski jumper to do so.
- In Willingen last weekend, **Ryoyu Kobayashi** (9th) missed the podium in an individual World Cup event for the 12th time this season. Over the whole of last season, he missed only seven podiums.
- Kobayashi (16) could equal the record for most individual World Cup wins by a Japanese ski jumper, set by Noriaki Kasai (17).
- Kobayashi has 28 individual World Cup event podiums, third-most among Japanese ski jumpers. Only Kasai (63) and Kazuyoshi Funaki (38) have more.
- Kobayashi is winless in 11 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.
- **Dawid 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 Kobayashi. Kubacki won in Bischofshofen and claimed two victories in Titisee-Neustadt in January. Kobayashi won in Klingenthal, Engelberg and Oberstdorf (all in December).
- 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).
- **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 has seven individual World Cup podiums in 2019/20, only Dawid Kubacki (10) and Stefan Kraft (9) have more (Ryoyu Kobayashi also 7). 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.
- **Yukiya Sato** won two individual World Cup events this season, on 7 December in Nizhny Tagil and on 1 February in Sapporo. Sato's only other individual World Cup event podium came on 20 January 2019, third in Zakopane.
- In Willingen last Saturday, **Gregor Schlierenzauer** (7th) claimed his third top-10 finish in an individual World Cup event in 2019/20. In the last four seasons, he registered only two total top-10 finishes.
- Schlierenzauer has won three individual World Cup events in Tauplitz/Bad Mitterndorf, more than any other ski jumper. He claimed two victories in 2009 and added a win in the second event in 2010.
- Schlierenzauer could equal Andreas Goldberger on a record six podium finishes in Tauplitz/Bad Mitterndorf. His last podium finish in an individual World Cup event was a second place in Nizhny Tagil on 13 December 2014.
- No Austrian has won an individual World Cup event in Tauplitz/Mitterndorf since 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 13 events), Klingenthal (0 in 7), Tauplitz/Bad Mitterndorf (0 in 6), Almaty (0 in 2) and Falun (0 in 1).
- Austrian participants have won nine of 26 individual World Cup events in Tauplitz/Bad Mitterndorf, at least five more than any other representing country. Slovenia follow with four.
- The last winner of an individual World Cup event in Tauplitz/Bad Mitterndorf was Norway's Andreas Stjernen on 13 January 2018.

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