

## PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL - NORMAL HILL RASNOV –21-22 Feb 2020

### Stefan Kraft

- Stefan Kraft (1273) improved his lead in the individual World Cup 2019/20 to 138 points by claiming a third place and a win in Tauplitz/Bad Mitterndorf last weekend.
- Kraft claimed his third individual World Cup event win of the season last weekend, after winning in Nizhny Tagil on 8 December and in Sapporo on 2 February. This is most of all ski jumpers alongside Ryoyu Kobayashi and Dawid Kubacki.
- Kraft has had two seasons in which he claimed more than three individual World Cup event wins – four in 2018/19 and eight in 2016/17.
- Kraft could win back-to-back individual World Cup events for the first time since three in a row in January 2018 – one in Zakopane followed by the double in Sapporo.
- Kraft has finished on the podium of 11 individual World Cup events in 2019/20, including in eight of the last 10 events.
- Kraft finished as runner-up in seven individual World Cup events this season. 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 (11) is one shy of his total number of individual World Cup event podiums from last season (12). His personal best for most podiums is 17 in 2016/17.
- Besides his 11 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.

### Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu Kobayashi claimed his eighth individual World Cup event podium in 2019/20 in Tauplitz/Bad Mitterndorf, coming in second on Sunday. Only Stefan Kraft (11) and Dawid Kubacki (10) have recorded at least 10 podium finishes.
- Kobayashi won three individual World Cup events this season, most of all ski jumpers alongside Stefan Kraft and Dawid Kubacki. Kobayashi won in Klingenthal, Engelberg and Oberstdorf this season (all in December).
- Kobayashi missed the podium in 13 individual World Cup events this season. Over the whole of last season, he missed only seven podiums.
- Kobayashi is on 16 individual World Cup event wins. He could equal the record for most individual World Cup wins by a Japanese ski jumper, set by Noriaki Kasai (17).

- Kobayashi has 29 individual World Cup event podiums, third-most among Japanese ski jumpers. Only Kasai (63) and Kazuyoshi Funaki (38) have more.
- Kobayashi could claim three straight podiums for the first time this season. Therefore he needs a top three result on both Saturday and Sunday. Kobayashi registered back-to-back podium finishes on three occasions this season.
- Kobayashi claimed the bronze medal in the junior world championships on this hill in Rasnov on 23 February 2016. David Siegel (gold, 1 World Cup win) and Domen Prevc (silver, 7 World Cup wins) finished ahead of Kobayashi (16 World Cup wins).

### **Dawid Kubacki**

- Dawid Kubacki has won three individual World Cup events in 2019/20, most of all ski jumpers alongside Kobayashi and Kraft. 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 had a streak of 10 straight individual World Cup event podiums this season, between 29 December (Oberstdorf) and 1 February (Sapporo). He failed to reach the podium in all four events since.

### **Kamil Stoch**

- Rasnov could be Kamil 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.

### **Other contenders**

- 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). Stephan Leyhe and Piotr Zyla are currently the only ski jumpers 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.

- 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.
- **Karl Geiger** could win three individual World Cup events within a single season for the first time. 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. 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.
- **Stephan Leyhe** registered his first individual World Cup event victory in Willingen earlier this month. His two previous podium finishes were second places in Sapporo on 2 February 2020 and in Wisla on 18 November 2018.
- **Gregor Schlierenzauer** claimed three top-10 finishes in individual World Cup events in 2019/20. In the last four seasons, he registered only two total top-10 finishes.
- Last weekend, **Piotr Zyla** claimed his second individual World Cup event win. His first came 2,526 days earlier, on 17 March 2013 in Oslo. Only Stefan Horngacher had to wait longer for his second individual World Cup event win – 2,883 days from 24 February 1991 to 16 January 1999.
- Zyla became the third Polish ski jumper to win an individual World Cup event this season, after Stoch (2) and Kubacki (3). Poland never had more different individual World Cup event winners in a single season. They also had three in 2013/14 (Krzysztof Biegun, Stoch, Jan Ziobro).
- **Timi Zajc** registered a second and a third place in Tauplitz/Bad Mitterndorf last weekend. Zajc improved his career total of individual World Cup podiums to five – one win (ski flying in Oberstdorf on 1 February 2019), two second places and two thirds.

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