

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL - LARGE HILL LAHTI – 28 Feb - 1 Mar 2020

1000th individual World Cup event

- Lahti will host the 999th (Friday) and 1000th (Sunday) men's individual World Cup events on Sunday.
- The first individual World Cup event was held in Cortina d'Ampezzo on 27 December 1979. Austrian Toni Innauer won ahead of his compatriots Hubert Neuper and Alfred Groyer.
- Gregor Schlierenzauer has won a record 53 individual World Cup events, seven more than Matti Nykänen (46).
- Austria leads all countries on most victories in individual World Cup events 255. Finland is next on 151.
- Lahti has hosted 56 individual World Cup events. The first time was a normal hill event on 8 March 1980 which was won by Austria's Armin Kogler. Canada's Steve Collins claimed the victory a day later in the large hill event.
- Matti Nykänen (8) won the most individual World Cup events in Lahti. Kamil Stoch won here three times, including the last two individual World Cup events, in March 2018 and in February 2019.

Stefan Kraft

- Stefan Kraft (1433) retained his lead in the individual World Cup 2019/20 by claiming a third place and a win in Rasnov last weekend.
- Kraft claimed his fourth individual World Cup event win of the season last weekend, after winning in Nizhny Tagil on 8 December, in Sapporo on 2 February and in Tauplitz/Bad Mitterndorf on 16 February. This is most of all ski jumpers this season.
- Kraft won five or more individual World Cup events in one season - eight in 2016/17.
- Last weekend, Kraft claimed his 20th individual World Cup victory. Among Austrian men, only Gregor Schlierenzauer (53), Andreas Felder (25), Thomas Morgenstern (23) and Andreas Goldberger (20) have also won at least 20 individual World Cup events.
- Kraft could win back-to-back individual World Cup events for the first time since three in a row in January 2018 – in Zakopane and Sapporo (2).
- Kraft has finished on the podium in 13 individual World Cup events in 2019/20, including in 10 of the last 12.
- Kraft could reach the podium in five straight individual World Cup events for the third time, after nine in a row in January-March 2017 and six straight in January 2015.
- 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 reached 13 individual World Cup event podiums this season, joint second most for him within a single campaign (also 13 in 2014/15). He had 17 top-three finishes in 2016/17.
- Kraft finished fourth in 20 individual World Cup events. Only Janne Ahonen (30), Gregor Schlierenzauer (23), Noriaki Kasai (22) and Ernst Vettori (22) have finished in fourth place more often.

Karl Geiger

- Karl Geiger won the individual World Cup event in Rasnov on 21 February. This was his third individual World Cup event win of the season, a feat only Stefan Kraft (4), Dawid Kubacki (3) and Ryoyu Kobayashi (3) also have achieved.
- Geiger has won three individual World Cup events in a season for the first time. Last season he won two events, in Engelberg (15 December 2018) and Willingen (16 February 2019).
- The last German ski jumper to register four or more individual World Cup event wins in a single season was Severin Freund – nine in 2014/15.
- Geiger has claimed nine podium finishes in individual World Cup events this season. The last German ski jumper to record double digit individual World Cup podiums in a single season was Andreas Wellinger – 12 in 2016/17.

Kamil Stoch

- Kamil Stoch won the last two individual World Cup events in Lahti, on 4 March 2018 and on 10 February 2019. He also won here on 2 March 2014.
- In 2017/18, Stoch became the oldest winner of an individual World Cup event in Lahti, at 30 years and 283 days, surpassing Jens Weißflog (30-192). A season later he won again in this venue, aged 31 years and 261 days.
- Only Matti Nykänen (8) and Andreas Felder (4) have more individual World Cup event victories on Salpausselkä than Stoch (3).
- Stoch is one victory shy of Janne Ahonen (36) for fourth-most career individual World Cup event wins. Only Schlierenzauer (53), Nykänen (46) and Malysz (39) have won more events.
- Stoch has won two individual World Cup events this season, in Engelberg and in Zakopane.
- This is Stoch's ninth season in which he has claimed multiple individual World Cup victories, an outright record. Nykänen, Schlierenzauer and Ahonen have eight such seasons.

Other contenders

- Eight athletes have won two or more individual World Cup events in 2019/2020. The only other season in which at least eight different ski jumpers won two or more individual World Cup events was 2014/15 (8). Stephan Leyhe and Piotr Zyla have won one event in the current campaign.
- Last season, only four ski jumpers won multiple individual World Cup events, with Ryoyu Kobayashi leading on 13 individual World Cup event wins. Stefan Kraft had four, Kamil Stoch and Karl Geiger two.
- **Ryoyu Kobayashi** won three individual World Cup events this season, in Klingenthal, Engelberg and Oberstdorf this season (all in December).
- 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 finished on the podium in 29 individual World Cup events, third-most among Japanese ski jumpers. Only Kasai (63) and Kazuyoshi Funaki (38) have more.
- **Dawid Kubacki** has won three individual World Cup events in 2019/20, in Bischofshofen and twice in Titisee-Neustadt. 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, from 29 December (Oberstdorf) to 1 February (Sapporo). He failed to reach the podium in all six events since.
- 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. His other two 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.
- In Tauplitz/Bad Mitterndorf, **Piotr Zyla** claimed the second individual World Cup event win of his career. 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).

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