

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL - LARGE HILL LILLEHAMMER – Monday 9 Mar 2020

Stefan Kraft

- Stefan Kraft has won five individual World Cup events this season, more than any other man. Kraft only claimed more than five wins in his 2016/17 World Cup winning campaign (8).
- World Cup leader Kraft is on 21 career individual World Cup victories. Among Austrian men, only Gregor Schlierenzauer (53), Andreas Felder (25) and Thomas Morgenstern (23) won more.
- Kraft is individual World Cup leader on 1613 points (Karl Geiger follows on 1495). He could end up winning the individual World Cup for the second time, after 2017, when he finished on 1665 points.
- Kraft has reached the podium in nine of the last 10 individual World Cup events, with the only exception in that run a fourth-place finish in Willingen on 8 February.
- Kraft has finished on the podium in 15 individual World Cup events this season, including in 12 of the last 14. Only in 2016/17, he claimed more top-three finishes (17).
- Kraft has eight second-place finishes this season, matching the record for most second places in individual World Cup events in a single season, held by Janne Ahonen (1999/2000), Simon Ammann (2008/09), Thomas Morgenstern (2010/11) and Andreas Wellinger (2016/17).
- Kraft won the most recent individual World Cup event in Lillehammer, on 12 March 2019. He also reached the podium on 10 December 2016 (3rd).

Karl Geiger

- Karl Geiger, second in the World Cup standings, won the most recent individual World Cup event, in Lahti on 1 March. The 27-year-old can claim back-to-back wins for the second time this season. In January, Geiger won both events in Val di Fiemme (11-12 January).
- Only World Cup leader Stefan Kraft (5) has won more individual World Cup events this season than Geiger (4).
- Geiger can become the first German ski jumper to claim more than four individual World Cup wins in a single season since Severin Freund in 2014/15 (9).
- In 2014/15, Freund also was the last German ski jumper to win the overall World Cup.
- Geiger has claimed 11 podium finishes in individual World Cup events this season. The last German ski jumper to claim more in a single season was Andreas Wellinger (12) in 2016/17.
- Geiger has never finished in the top-10 in an individual World Cup event in Lillehammer. His best result in 10 participations was an 11th place on 13 March 2018.

Other contenders

- Austrian ski jumpers (25) are one shy of Norwegians (26) for most total individual World Cup podium finishes in Lillehammer. In total individual World Cup wins here, Austria already have the lead (13), followed by Germany (7).
- **Kamil Stoch** can claim his third individual World Cup win of the season and his first since 26 January, when he won on home snow in Zakopane.
- Stoch is on 35 career individual World Cup wins and needs one more victory to match Janne Ahonen (36) in fourth place all-time. Gregor Schlierenzauer (53), Matti Nykänen (46) and Adam Malysz (39) complete the top three.
- Stoch won individual World Cup events in Lillehammer on 11 December 2016 and on 13 March 2018. He could join Thomas Morgenstern, Simon Ammann and Severin Freund on three individual World Cup wins here. Only Gregor Schlierenzauer (6) has more.
- **Dawid Kubacki**, third in the World Cup standings, has won four individual World Cup events, including three in 2019/20. The last Polish ski jumper to win more than three in a single season was Stoch (9) in his 2017/18 World Cup winning campaign.
- **Ryoyu Kobayashi**, fourth in the World Cup standings, has won three individual World Cup events this season, all in December - in Klingenthal, Engelberg and Oberstdorf.
- Kobayashi is on 16 career individual World Cup wins. The 23-year-old could equal the record for most individual World Cup victories by a Japanese ski jumper, set by Noriaki Kasai (17).
- Since the start of last season, Kobayashi has won 16 individual World Cup events, at least seven more than any other ski jumper. Stefan Kraft follows on nine wins in this span.
- **Marius 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.
- Lindvik claimed his wins in Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Innsbruck earlier this season. The 21-year-old can 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).

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