

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL LARGE HILL RUKA – 28-29 Nov 2020

Markus Eisenbichler

- Markus Eisenbichler won the opening individual event of this World Cup season, in Wisla on 22 November. It was his second individual World Cup win, after winning a ski flying event in Planica on 22 March 2019.
- Last season, Daniel-André Tande won the first two individual events of the season (Wisla, Ruka).
- Eisenbichler can become the second German to win the opening two individual events of a World Cup season, after Martin Schmitt who won the first three in 1998/99.
- The only German ski jumper to win an individual World Cup event in Ruka is Severin Freund (2012, 2016).
- Eisenbichler has won seven World Cup events in total (5 in team events). Among active German ski jumpers, only Freund (28), Richard Freitag (16), Karl Geiger (10) and Andreas Wellinger (9) have won more. Geiger finished second behind Eisenbichler in the season opener in Wisla.

Kamil Stoch

- Kamil Stoch recorded the best score in qualification for the World Cup event in Wisla, but finished in 27th place in the final event.
- Stoch has won 36 individual World Cup events, equal to Janne Ahonen in joint-fourth place all-time behind Gregor Schlierenzauer (53), Matti Nykänen (46) and Adam Malysz (39).
- Stoch has reached the podium in 98 World Cup events (including men's team events), ranking him fourth on the all-time list. The Club of 100 has three members: Ahonen (133), Schlierenzauer (123) and Thomas Morgenstern (106). Stefan Kraft is on 97.
- Stoch can become the first ski jumper representing Poland to win an individual World Cup event in Ruka. Stoch has claimed two podium finishes in Ruka, a second and third place in two events in November 2018.

Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu Kobayashi won two of the last three individual World Cup events in Ruka, both in November 2018. He can equal Simon Ammann on a record three individual World Cup wins in Ruka.
- Kobayashi has won 16 individual World Cup events, one shy of equalling the Japanese men's record held by Noriaki Kasai (17).
- Last season, Kobayashi won three individual World Cup events, all in December: Klingenthal, Engelberg and Oberstdorf.
- Since the start of the 2018/19 season, Kobayashi has collected the most individual World Cup wins (16) and podiums (29). Stefan Kraft follows on nine wins and 27 podiums in this period.

Other contenders

- **Daniel Huber** finished third in the season opener in Wisla, his second individual World Cup podium after a third place in Engelberg on 15 December 2018.
- The last 17 individual World Cup victories by Austrian ski jumpers were all achieved by Stefan Kraft. The last Austrian other than Kraft to win an individual World Cup event was Michael Hayböck in Engelberg on 17 December 2016.
- **Stefan Kraft** (21) trails only Gregor Schlierenzauer (53), Andreas Felder (25) and Thomas Morgenstern (23) for most individual World Cup triumphs among Austrian ski jumpers.
- Kraft has collected 97 career World Cup podiums (including men's team events), which ranks him fifth, one clear of Adam Malysz in sixth (96) and one shy of Kamil Stoch (98) in fourth place all-time.
- **Anže Lanišek** was leading the field in Wisla after the first round, but had to settle for sixth place after his second jump. He has yet to win his first individual World Cup event.
- Lanišek can become the 12th ski jumper representing Slovenia to win an individual World Cup event. The last five Slovenian wins in individual events were achieved by five different athletes: Jernej Damjan, Anže Semenic, Timi Zajc, Domen Prevc and Peter Prevc.
- Slovenian ski jumpers have won five individual World Cup events in Ruka, joint most alongside Austrian ski jumpers (5).
- **Peter Prevc** has won 23 individual World Cup events, equal to Simon Ammann and Thomas Morgenstern in ninth place all-time. Andreas Felder is in eighth place on 25 wins.
- **Daniel-André Tande** has won seven individual World Cup events, of which his last came in Ruka last year. Only five Norwegians have won more individual World Cup events: Roar Ljøkelsøy (11), Anders Jacobsen (10), Roger Ruud (9), Espen Bredesen (8) and Bjørn Einar Romøren (8).
- **Gregor Schlierenzauer** has won a men's record 53 individual World Cup events, but he has not triumphed since 6 December 2014, in Lillehammer.

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