

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL LARGE HILL ENGELBERG – 19-20 Dec 2020

Halvor Egner Granerud

- Halvor Egner Granerud won each of the last three individual World Cup events, after Markus Eisenbichler had won the opening two individual events of the 2020/21 World Cup season.
- The last ski jumper to win four consecutive individual World Cup events was Ryoyu Kobayashi in 2018/19: six in a row from December 2018 to January 2019.
- Granerud could join Ole Bremseth (4, March 1982) and Espen Bredesen (4, March-December 1993) as the only Norwegian ski jumpers to set a streak of four individual victories in World Cup history.
- Five Norwegian ski jumpers have won individual World Cups in Engelberg (6 wins in total), most recently Anders Fannemel on 16 December 2017.
- Granerud's best result in his previous four individual World Cup participations in Engelberg is his fifth-place finish on the day his compatriot Anders Fannemel won (16 December 2017).

Markus Eisenbichler

- Markus Eisenbichler won the opening two individual World Cup events of the 2020/21 season (Wisla and Ruka), but only recorded one podium finish in the next three individual World Cup events (second in Ruka on 29 November).
- Eisenbichler only claimed more individual podiums in the 2018/19 World Cup (7). One of those seven podiums that season was a win, in Planica (22 March 2019).
- Only Austria (16) has celebrated more individual World Cup triumphs in Engelberg than Germany (10, including East and West Germany).
- Germany won two of the last five individual World Cup events in Engelberg: Richard Freitag (17 December 2017) and Karl Geiger (15 December 2018).
- Eisenbichler's highest finishes in his 10 individual World Cup participations in Engelberg were fifth places in 2016/17 and 2017/18.

Robert Johansson

- Robert Johansson is currently ranked third in the 2020/21 overall World Cup standings. Both his individual podium finishes came at the most recent World Cup events in Nizhny Tagil: third on the first day, second place on day two.
- Johansson has won two individual World Cups: in Vikersund on 18 March 2018 (ski flying) and in Oslo on 10 March 2019.
- Johansson has finished on the podium more often in a single season in 2018/19 (5) and 2017/18 (3).
- He has yet to claim his first individual World Cup podium in Engelberg.

Other contenders

- Last weekend, **Karl Geiger** won the individual ski flying world championships ahead of Halvor Egner Granerud (silver) and Markus Eisenbichler (bronze).
- Geiger is aiming for his first individual World Cup victory since 1 March 2020 (Lahti). He won four individual World Cup events in 2019/20, only trailing Stefan Kraft (5) for most.
- Geiger triumphed in the individual event in Engelberg two years ago (15 December 2018). He could become the fourth German ski jumper to win multiple individual World Cup events at this venue, after Jens Weißflog, Martin Schmitt and Richard Freitag (all 2).
- **Kamil Stoch** (98) and **Stefan Kraft** (97) are close to reaching 100 World Cup podiums in men's events (including team events). The Club of 100 has three members: Janne Ahonen (133), Gregor Schlierenzauer (123) and Thomas Morgenstern (106).
- Stoch has won 36 individual World Cups, equal to Ahonen in joint-fourth place all-time behind Schlierenzauer (53), Matti Nykänen (46) and Adam Malysz (39).
- Kraft (21) trails only Schlierenzauer (53), Andreas Felder (25) and Thomas Morgenstern (23) for most individual World Cup wins among Austrian ski jumpers.
- The last 17 individual World Cup victories by **Austrian** ski jumpers were all achieved by Kraft. The last Austrian other than Kraft to win an individual World Cup event was Michael Hayböck in Engelberg on 17 December 2016.
- Austria has won a record 16 individual World Cup events in Engelberg, but triumphed just once in the last seven seasons: Hayböck on 17 December 2016.
- **Yukiya Sato** could follow in the footsteps of Masahiko Harada (1997), Kazuyoshi Funaki (1999) and **Ryoyu Kobayashi** (2018, 2019) as Japanese winners of individual World Cup events in Engelberg.
- Kobayashi has won 16 individual World Cup events, one shy of equalling the Japanese men's record held by Noriaki Kasai (17).
- Kobayashi has won more than two individual World Cup events in Oberstdorf (3).
- **Peter Prevc** has won 23 individual World Cups, equal to Simon Ammann and Thomas Morgenstern in ninth place all-time. Andreas Felder is eighth on 25 wins.
- His younger brother Domen Prevc holds the hill record in Engelberg, flying 144m on 18 December 2016.
- **Daniel Huber** reached the podium in the opening two individual events of the 2020/21 World Cup, third in Wisla and second in Nizhny Tagil. He missed the next events after he tested positive for COVID-19.
- **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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