

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL - LARGE HILL – Saturday 13 Feb 2021

## Halvor Egner Granerud

- Halvor Egner Granerud has won 10 individual World Cup events this season, at least seven more than any other man.
- Granerud is on course to become the fourth Norwegian to win the men's overall World Cup, after Vegard Opaas (1986/87), Espen Bredesen (1993/94) and Anders Bardal (2011/12).
- Granerud can become the seventh man to claim at least 11 individual victories in a World Cup season, and the first since Ryoyu Kobayashi (13) in 2018/19.
- Granerud (10) is one short of equalling Roar Ljøkelsøy (11) on most individual World Cup wins among Norwegian men.
- If Granerud wins both individual events this weekend in Zakopane, he will be the first man to win six successive individual World Cup events since Kobayashi from December 2018 to January 2019.

## **Kamil Stoch**

- Kamil Stoch has won 39 individual World Cup events, joint-third most alltime among men alongside compatriot Adam Malysz (39). Only Gregor Schlierenzauer (53) and Matti Nykänen (46) have won more individual men's World Cup events.
- Stoch has won 46 World Cup events (including team events), which ranks him in joint-second place all-time among men alongside Janne Ahonen (46) and Nykänen (46). Only Schlierenzauer (70) has won more men's World Cup events.
- Stoch has won a men's record seven individual World Cup events in Poland, two more than Schlierenzauer (5) in second place. Stoch and Schlierenzauer have both won a record five in Zakopane.
- Only Halvor Egner Granerud (12) has claimed more podiums in individual World Cup events this season than Stoch (7). Markus Eisenbichler has also finished on the podium seven times.

## **Markus Eisenbichler**

- Markus Eisenbichler, second in the overall World Cup standings, failed to win any of the last 17 individual World Cup events, after winning the opening two of the season (Wisla, Ruka).
- Only Halvor Egner Granerud (12) has claimed more podiums in individual World Cup events this season than Eisenbichler (7). Kamil Stoch has also finished on the podium seven times.
- The last German man to win an individual World Cup event in Zakopane was Michael Uhrmann on 17 January 2004.

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## Other contenders

- Norwegian men have won 12 of the 19 individual World Cup events this season: Halvor Egner Granerud (10), Robert Johansson (1) and Marius Lindvik (1). Only once before, Norway claimed more individual wins in the men's World Cup: 13 in 2003/04.
- Norway has won each of the last seven individual World Cup events. This is the second-longest winning streak by a country in individual events in the men's World Cup. Austria won 12 in a row from January to February 2009.
- Lindvik claimed his victory this season in the first World Cup held in Zakopane (17 January). He could become the first man to win successive individual World Cup events in Zakopane since Kamil Stoch in 2011-2012.
- At the age of 22, Lindvik is the youngest winner of an individual World Cup event this season. He also was the youngest winner in 2019/20, winning in Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Innsbruck at the age of 21.
- The only Norwegian men to win more than three individual World Cup events before the age of 23 were Roger Ruud (6), Ole Bremseth (6) and Anders Jacobsen (5).
- Austria and Poland (both 11) share the record of most individual World Cup victories in Zakopane.
- Piotr Zyla (5) has recorded the most individual podium finishes this World Cup season without winning an event.
- Stefan Kraft's 21 individual World Cup victories ranks him in fourth place all-time among Austrians, behind Gregor Schlierenzauer (53), Andreas Felder (25) and Thomas Morgenstern (23).
- Karl Geiger has won seven individual World Cup events, one short of Richard Freitag (8) in sixth place all-time among German ski jumpers (includes East and West Germany).
- Ryoyu Kobayashi (16) is one shy of equalling Noriaki Kasai (17) on most individual World Cup wins among Japanese men. Kobayashi's last World Cup win came in Oberstdorf on 29 December 2019.
- Anže Lanišek (3) and Bor Pavlovcic (2) both finished on individual World Cup podiums this season, but have yet to win. Slovenian men have claimed at least one individual victory in each of the previous nine World Cup seasons (since 2011/12).

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