

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL NORMAL HILL RÅSNØV – Friday 19 Feb 2021

Halvor Egner Granerud

- Halvor Egner Granerud has won 11 individual World Cup events this season, at least eight 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 fifth man to claim at least 12 individual victories in a World Cup season, after Janne Ahonen (12) in 2004/05, Gregor Schlierenzauer (13) in 2008/09, Peter Prevc (15) in 2015/16 and Ryoyu Kobayashi (13) in 2018/19.
- By winning the most recent individual World Cup event (Zakopane), Granerud equalled Roar Ljøkelsøy (both 11) on most individual World Cup wins among Norwegian men.

Norway

- Norwegian men have won 13 of the 21 individual World Cup events this season: Halvor Egner Granerud (11), Robert Johansson (1) and Marius Lindvik (1). Only once before, Norway claimed as many individual wins in the men's World Cup: 13 in 2003/04.
- The last country to claim 14 individual World Cup victories in a single season was Slovenia (17) in 2015/16. The all-time record is in the hands of Finland (18 in 2004/05).
- 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).
- **Johansson** finished third in the most recent individual World Cup, on the second day in Zakopane last weekend. It was his fifth individual World Cup podium of the season, equalling his personal best of 2018/19 (5).

Other contenders

- **Kamil Stoch** has won 39 individual World Cup events, joint-third most all-time 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.

- **Markus Eisenbichler**, second in the overall World Cup standings, failed to win any of the last 19 individual World Cup events, after winning the opening two of the season (Wisla, Ruka).
- Only Halvor Egner Granerud (13) has claimed more podiums in individual World Cup events this season than Eisenbichler (7) and Stoch (7).
- **Stefan Kraft** (22 February 2020) and **Karl Geiger** (21 February 2020) won the previous two individual World Cup events held in Râsnov. Both men also claimed a podium on the other day of competing, Kraft third on 21 February and Geiger second on 22 February.
- Kraft has already claimed multiple individual World Cup wins in Oberstdorf (4), Sapporo (3), Zakopane (2), Planica (2) and Lahti (2). Geiger only achieved this in Val di Fiemme (2).
- 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).
- 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).
- **Austria** has yet to claim its first individual win this World Cup season. Austrian skiers have won at least one individual event in 38 of the previous 41 men's World Cup seasons, with the only exceptions 1988/89, 2000/01 and 2017/18.
- By winning in Zakopane on Saturday 13 February, **Ryoyu Kobayashi** equalled Noriaki Kasai (both 17) on most individual World Cup wins among Japanese men. It was Kobayashi's first World Cup win since Oberstdorf on 29 December 2019.
- **Piotr Zyla** (5) has recorded the most individual podium finishes this World Cup season without winning an event.
- **Anže Lanišek** (4) and **Bor Pavlovčič** (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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