

## PREVIEW WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL NORMAL HILL OBERSTDORF – Thursday 25 Feb 2021

### Sara Takanashi

- Sara Takanashi claimed two world championship medals in the women's normal hill event: silver in 2013 and bronze in 2017. She could become the first woman to complete the medal set of gold-silver-bronze in this event.
- Only Daniela Iraschko-Stolz (G1-S0-B2) has collected more medals in this event at the world championships than Takanashi (2).
- Takanashi and Yuki Ito were part of Japan's team to win gold in the mixed team event in 2013, becoming the first Japanese female ski jumpers to win a world title.
- Takanashi and Ito can become the first Japanese ski jumper to claim an individual world title since Kazuyoshi Funaki in the men's normal hill in 1999.
- Takanashi has claimed a record 60 individual victories in the women's World Cup, at least 30 more than any other woman (30 by Maren Lundby).

### Nika Križnar & Ema Klinec

- Nika Križnar has finished on six individual World Cup podiums this season, including in each of the last five events. She won the World Cup events in Hinzenbach and Râsnov.
- Ema Klinec collected three individual podium finishes in this World Cup season.
- Križnar and Klinec can become the first female ski jumpers representing Slovenia to claim a world championship medal. The best individual result by a Slovenian woman is a fourth-place finish by Eva Logar in the normal hill in 2011.
- The last male ski jumper representing Slovenia to finish on the podium at the world championships is Peter Prevc in 2013. That year, Prevc claimed bronze in the men's normal hill and silver in the men's large hill.
- The only ski jumper representing Slovenia to win a gold medal at the world championships is Rok Benkovic, who won the men's normal hill in 2005.

### Marita Kramer

- Marita Kramer won three of the first four individual World Cup events this season, but two of those victories came on the large hill.
- The 19-year-old Kramer can become the second-youngest world champion in the women's normal hill, after Sarah Hendrickson who won in 2013 at age 18.
- Kramer can become the third female ski jumper representing Austria to claim a world championship medal in this event, after Daniela Iraschko-Stolz (gold in 2011, bronze in 2015 & 2019) and Jacqueline Seifriedsberger (bronze in 2013).

## Other contenders

- **Daniela Iraschko-Stolz** (G1-S0-B3) has claimed a record three world championship medals in this event. She could become the first woman to complete the medal set of gold-silver-bronze in this event.
- Iraschko-Stolz has failed to reach an individual podium this World Cup season.
- Iraschko-Stolz (6) is one of two women to have collected more than five medals in total at the world championships, alongside **Carina Vogt** (6).
- **Maren Lundby** won the women's normal hill world title in 2019. She could become the second woman to successfully defend her world title in this event, after Vogt in 2015-2017.
- Lundby and Iraschko-Stolz could join Vogt on a record two gold medals in this event at the world championships.
- **Silje Opseth** claimed a podium spot in six of the last seven individual events in the women's World Cup, finishing runner-up twice and taking third place on four occasions.
- Only Sara Takanashi and Nika Križnar (both 6) collected as many individual podium finishes in this World Cup season as Opseth (6).
- **Katharina Althaus** finished second in the women's normal hill event at the last world championships, in 2019. She is one of three German women to have claimed a medal in this event, alongside Vogt (gold in 2015 and 2017) and Ulrike Gräßler (silver in 2009).
- Althaus can become the second woman representing the host country to finish on the podium in this event at the world championships, after Iraschko-Stolz's third-place finish in Seefeld in 2019.
- Only three female ski jumpers have won multiple world titles in all events, all from Germany: Vogt (5), Althaus (3) and Juliane Seyfarth (2).
- Germany (G2-S2-B0), Austria (G1-S0-B3) and Japan (G0-S3-B1) share the record for most medals in this event at the world championships. United States and Norway follow on two medals each.

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