

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL LARGE HILL NIZHNY TAGIL – 20-21 Nov 2021

Halvor Egner Granerud

- Halvor Egner Granerud won the overall World Cup in the 2020/21 season. He became the fourth Norwegian to win the men's overall, after Vegard Opaas (1986/87), Espen Bredesen (1993/94) and Anders Bardal (2011/12).
- Granerud can become the first Norwegian man to win the overall World Cup more than once.
- The most recent man to win the overall World Cup in successive seasons was Janne Ahonen in 2003/04 and 2004/05.
- Granerud has equalled the Norwegian record for most individual wins in the men's World Cup, held by Roar Ljøkelsøy (11).
- Last season, Granerud won both World Cup events held in Nizhny Tagil in December 2020. He joined Severin Freund (2) as the only male ski jumpers on multiple World Cup wins at the Russian ski resort.

Kamil Stoch

- Kamil Stoch won the overall World Cup on two previous occasions, in the Olympic seasons of 2013/14 and 2017/18. Only Matti Nykänen (4), Adam Malysz (4) and Andreas Goldberger (3) have won the men's overall more than twice.
- Stoch is level with Janne Ahonen and Nykänen (all 46) in second place on the men's all-time list for most World Cup wins in all events. Recently retired Gregor Schlierenzauer (70) holds the record.
- Including individual World Cup wins only, Stoch shares third place on the men's list with Malysz (both 39), behind Schlierenzauer (53) and Nykänen (46).
- Stoch (10) could join Ahonen and Jens Weißflog on winning an individual World Cup event in a record 11 seasons.
- Stoch is the only man to have claimed an individual World Cup win in each of the last five seasons. The Pole can become the fourth male ski jumper to win an individual World Cup event in six successive seasons, after Schlierenzauer (nine from 2006/07 to 2014/15), Nykänen (eight from 1981/82 to 1988/89) and Matti Hautamäki (six from 2000/01 to 2005/06).

Other contenders

- The most recent winner of the opening individual event that went on to win the overall World Cup was Thomas Morgenstern (2007/08). The Austrian started that season with a win in Ruka.
- **Ryoyu Kobayashi** is the only non-European winner of the men's overall World Cup. The Japanese won the overall in the 2018/19 season.
- Kobayashi (19) is one shy of equalling the Japanese record for most World Cup event wins, set by Noriaki Kasai (20). Kobayashi (19) already hold the Japanese record for most individual event wins in the World Cup (17 by Kasai).

- **Stefan Kraft** (2016/17, 2019/20) could win the men's overall for a third time. Only Matti Nykänen (4), Adam Malysz (4) and Andreas Goldberger (3) have won the men's overall more than twice.
- Kraft has equalled Andreas Kofler and Andreas Felder (all 27) in third place on Austria's men's list for most World Cup wins in all events. Gregor Schlierenzauer (70) and Thomas Morgenstern (39) are in the top two.
- Kraft (99) is one shy of becoming the fifth male ski jumper to achieve 100 World Cup podiums in all events, after Janne Ahonen (133), Schlierenzauer (124), Kamil Stoch (108) and Morgenstern (107).
- Kraft is the only man to have recorded at least one individual World Cup podium in each of the last nine seasons.
- **Karl Geiger** (second in 2019/20) and **Markus Eisenbichler** (second in 2020/21) finished second in the overall standings in the last two seasons. Three German men have won the overall World Cup: Jens Weißflog (1983/84, representing East Germany), Martin Schmitt (1998/99, 1999/2000) and Severin Freund (2014/15).
- Geiger won the last two individual events held in the 2020/21 World Cup, ski flying events in Planica on 26 and 28 March. The last German to win three successive individual World Cup events was Freund in March 2015 (4 in a row).
- Eisenbichler won last season's opening World Cup event, in Wisla on 22 November. He also ended up victorious in the second World Cup event of the season, in Ruka on 28 November. The most recent man to win the opening individual event in successive World Cup seasons was Andreas Kofler in 2010/11 and 2011/12 (both Ruka).
- **Johann André Forfang** has claimed four individual World Cup podiums in Nizhny Tagil (winner on 1 December 2018), joint most for him at a single ski resort (also four in Planica).
- **Daniel-André Tande** won the opening individual event in two of the previous six seasons, in Klingenthal in 2015/16 and in Wisla in 2019/20. Only Dieter Thoma (4) and Martin Schmitt (3) won the individual season opener more often.
- **Evgeniy Klimov** is the only Russian male ski jumper to have won an individual World Cup event. He won the season opener in Wisla in 2018/19.

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