

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL LARGE HILL RUKA – 27-28 Nov 2021

Karl Geiger

- Karl Geiger won three of the last four individual World Cup events. This season, he finished first and second in the opening events in Nizhny Tagil.
- The most recent winner of the opening individual event that went on to win the overall World Cup was Thomas Morgenstern (2007/08).
- Geiger (10) is one of six German men to have claimed at least 10 individual World Cup wins (including East/West Germany), alongside Jens Weißflog (33), Martin Schmitt (28), Severin Freund (22), Sven Hannawald (18) and Dieter Thoma (12).
- Geiger finished on the podium in each of the last six individual World Cup events. The last man to claim more successive individual World Cup podiums was Dawid Kubacki (10) from December 2019 to February 2020.
- Geiger could become the third German man to win an individual World Cup in Ruka, after Severin Freund (2012, 2016) and Markus Eisenbichler (2020).

Halvor Egner Granerud

- Halvor Egner Granerud, last season's overall World Cup winner, won the most recent individual World Cup event, on the second competition day in Nizhny Tagil last weekend.
- With his win in Nizhny Tagil, Granerud (12) broke the Norwegian record for most individual wins in the men's World Cup by Roar Ljøkelsøy (11).
- Granerud achieved his first of those 12 individual World Cup victories in Ruka on 29 November 2020. The Norwegian can become the seventh male jumper to claim multiple individual World Cup wins in Ruka (a record three by Simon Ammann).
- Granerud collected 15 individual World Cup podiums since the start of 2020/21, after not finishing higher than fourth in an individual event in his first five World Cup seasons.

Other contenders

- **Ryoyu Kobayashi** finished second in this season's opening individual World Cup event in Nizhny Tagil, but was disqualified in qualification on the second day of competition.
- Kobayashi (19) is one shy of equalling Noriaki Kasai's record 20 World Cup wins among Japanese men (including team events). Kobayashi (19) already holds the Japanese men's record for most individual event wins in the World Cup (17 by Kasai).
- Kobayashi achieved two individual World Cup wins in Ruka, both in 2018/19. Only Simon Ammann (3) has collected more individual wins in the Finnish city.
- Kobayashi claimed a top-three finish in six of his last seven individual appearances in the World Cup: three wins and three runner-up finishes. The Japanese had failed to reach the podium in his prior 23 individual World Cup appearances.

- **Kamil Stoch** is level with Janne Ahonen and Matti 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 Adam 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 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).
- **Stefan 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.
- With his third place in Nizhny Tagil on 21 November, Kraft became 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).
- **Markus Eisenbichler** finished on the podium in last season's World Cup events held in Ruka, a win on 28 November 2020 and a second place on 29 November 2020.
- Eisenbichler can become the seventh male jumper to claim multiple individual World Cup wins in Ruka (a record three by Simon Ammann).
- **Cene Prevc** achieved his best individual World Cup result in Nizhny Tagil last weekend, a fifth place on 21 November. He could become the third Prevc sibling to win an individual World Cup event, after older brother Peter Prevc (23) and younger brother Domen Prevc (5).
- Slovenia's last individual World Cup win was a victory by Peter Prevc in Lillehammer on 9 March 2020.

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