

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL - LARGE HILL – Sunday 5 Dec 2021

Karl Geiger

- Karl Geiger is leading the overall standings after the opening four individual World Cup events of the season. He won the first event of the season, in Nizhny Tagil on 20 November.
- 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 seven of the last eight individual World Cup events, with a fifth place in Ruka on 27 November as the exception in this run.
- Geiger could become the third German man to win an individual World Cup in Wisla, after Andreas Wellinger (2014) and Markus Eisenbichler (2020).

Kamil Stoch

- Coming into Wisla, Kamil Stoch was 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).
- Stoch has achieved a record two individual World Cup wins (both 2017) and a record five individual World Cup podiums in Wisla.

Other contenders

- This season's opening four individual World Cup events have been won by four different ski jumpers: Karl Geiger and Halvor Egner Granerud in Nizhny Tagil, Ryoyu Kobayashi and Anže Lanišek in Ruka.
- **Not since 1996/97 have the opening five individual World Cup events been won by five different ski jumpers: Dieter Thoma, Kristian Brenden (both Lillehammer), Takanobu Okabe, Primož Peterka (both Ruka) and Kazuyoshi Funaki (Harrachov).**

- Not since 1986/87 have the opening five individual World Cup events been won by ski jumpers from five different countries. The first four individual events this season have been won by jumpers from Japan, Germany, Norway and Slovenia.
- **Anže Lanišek** finished second (27 November) and first (28 November) in the World Cup events in Ruka last weekend. The Slovenian's win on the second day marked the first individual World Cup win for his country since 9 March 2020 (Peter Prevc in Lillehammer).
- The most recent Slovenian ski jumper to claim back-to-back individual World Cup wins was Domen Prevc in December 2016.
- Coming into Wisla, **Ryoyu Kobayashi** was level with Noriaki Kasai (both 20) on most World Cup wins among Japanese men in all events. Kobayashi (20) already holds the Japanese men's record for most individual event wins in the World Cup (17 by Kasai).
- **Halvor Egner Granerud** (12) holds the Norwegian record for most individual wins in the men's World Cup (11 by Roar Ljøkelsøy).
- 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.
- **Markus Eisenbichler** won the most recent individual World Cup event held in Wisla, on 22 November 2020. Only Kamil Stoch (2) achieved multiple individual World Cup wins in Wisla.
- Eisenbichler's most recent individual World Cup win came in Ruka on 28 November 2020. Since that win, the German collected nine individual World Cup podiums: four second places and five third places.
- Coming into Wisla, **Stefan Kraft** was level with 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).
- **Cene Prevc** achieved his best individual World Cup results this season, becoming fifth in both Nizhny Tagil (21 November) and Ruka (28 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).

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