

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL LARGE HILL KLINGENTHAL – 11-12 Dec 2021

Karl Geiger

- Karl Geiger is leading the overall standings after the opening five individual World Cup events of the season. He has claimed a season-high three individual podium finishes this campaign, including a first-place finish in the opening event in Nizhny Tagil on 20 November.
- The most recent ski jumper to win the opening individual event of the season and go on to win the overall World Cup was Thomas Morgenstern in 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 nine individual World Cup events, with the only exceptions in this run a fifth place in Ruka on 27 November and a fourth place in the most recent event in Wisla on 5 December.
- No German ski jumper ever won an individual World Cup event in Klingenthal. The best result by a German at the Vogtland Arena was a second-place finish by Andreas Wellinger on 24 November 2013.

Anže Lanišek

- Anže Lanišek begins this World Cup weekend second in the overall standings. The only two ski jumpers representing Slovenia to win the overall World Cup are Primož Peterka (1996/97 and 1997/98) and Peter Prevc (2015/16).
- Only overall leader Karl Geiger (3) has claimed more individual podium finishes this World Cup campaign than Lanišek (2). The Slovenian finished second (27 November) and first (28 November) in the two events in Ruka this season.
- The most recent Slovenian ski jumper to win multiple individual World Cup events in a single campaign was Domen Prevc (4 in 2016/17). One of those four victories was in Klingenthal (4 December 2016).

Halvor Egner Granerud

- Last season's overall World Cup winner Halvor Egner Granerud claimed a podium spot in the opening two individual World Cup events of the season, but did not finish higher than 48th in the three events since.
- Granerud has 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.
- Granerud has won 12 individual World Cup events since the start of last season, at least eight more than any other ski jumper in this period (Karl Geiger and Ryoyu Kobayashi follow on four). Granerud's sole victory in this campaign came in the second event in Nizhny Tagil on 21 November.
- Granerud's tally of 12 individual World Cup wins is more than any other ski jumper representing Norway (Roar Ljøkelsøy next on 11).

- Granerud, eighth in the overall standings, can become the first Norwegian man to win the overall World Cup more than once. Last season, he became the fourth ski jumper representing Norway to win the men's overall, after Vegard Opaas (1986/87), Espen Bredesen (1993/94) and Anders Bardal (2011/12).
- The most recent man to win the overall World Cup in successive seasons was Janne Ahonen in 2003/04 and 2004/05.

Other contenders

- For the first time since 1996/97, the opening five individual World Cup events of the season have been won by five different ski jumpers: Karl Geiger, Halvor Egner Granerud (both in Nizhny Tagil), Ryoyu Kobayashi, Anže Lanišek (both in Ruka) and Jan Hörl (Wisla).
- Only in 1983/84 have the opening six individual World Cup events of the season been won by six different ski jumpers: Horst Bulau, Vegard Opaas (both in Thunder Bay), Primož Ulaga, Jeff Hastings (both in Lake Placid), Klaus Ostwald (Oberstdorf) and Jens Weißflog (Garmisch-Partenkirchen).
- **Kamil Stoch** has claimed 46 career World Cup victories (all events), joint-second most all-time among men alongside Janne Ahonen and Matti Nykänen (both 46). Only recently retired Gregor Schlierenzauer (70) has won more.
- Including individual World Cup wins only, Stoch is in joint-third place all-time alongside Adam Malysz (both 39), behind Schlierenzauer (53) and Nykänen (46).
- Stoch (10) can join Ahonen and Jens Weißflog on winning an individual World Cup event in a record 11 different seasons. Stoch's best result this campaign was a fifth-place finish in the opening event in Nizhny Tagil on 20 November.
- 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).
- **Ryoyu Kobayashi** is 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).
- **Stefan Kraft** won the men's team event in Wisla last weekend to claim his 28th career World Cup victory (all events), overtaking Andreas Kofler and Andreas Felder (both 27) in third place in the list for most World Cup wins among Austrian ski jumpers. Only Gregor Schlierenzauer (70) and Thomas Morgenstern (39) have won more.
- Kraft has claimed 102 World Cup podiums in all events, only trailing Janne Ahonen (133), Schlierenzauer (124), Kamil Stoch (108) and Morgenstern (107) among men.

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