

## PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL LARGE HILL ENGELBERG – 18-19 Dec 2021

### Karl Geiger

- Karl Geiger leads the overall standings after the opening seven individual World Cup events of the season. The most recent ski jumper representing Germany to win the overall World Cup was Severin Freund in 2014/15.
- Geiger has claimed three individual podium finishes this World Cup campaign, including a win in the opening event in Nizhny Tagil on 20 November.
- The most recent ski jumper to win the opening individual event of a World Cup campaign and go on to win the overall World Cup that season was Thomas Morgenstern in 2007/08.
- Geiger has won 10 career individual World Cup events. He is one of six ski jumpers representing Germany (including East/West Germany) to have reached double digits in terms of individual World Cup victories, alongside Jens Weißflog (33), Martin Schmitt (28), Severin Freund (22), Sven Hannawald (18) and Dieter Thoma (12).
- Geiger is the last German winner of an individual World Cup event in Engelberg, on 15 December 2018.

### Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu Kobayashi is second in the overall standings, 98 points behind leader Karl Geiger. Kobayashi (2018/19) is the only non-European winner of the men's overall World Cup.
- Kobayashi is the only ski jumper to win multiple individual World Cup events this season. The 25-year-old won in Ruka on 27 November and the most recent event in Klingenthal last Sunday.
- Kobayashi's win in Klingenthal on 12 December was his 21st career World Cup victory (all disciplines), surpassing Noriaki Kasai (20) for most all-time among Japanese men. Kobayashi (21) also holds the Japanese men's record for most individual event wins in the World Cup (Kasai next on 17).
- Since the start of last season, only Halvor Egner Granerud (12) has won as many individual World Cup events as Kobayashi (5).
- Kobayashi won two individual World Cup events in Engelberg (2018, 2019). He only claimed more wins in Ruka (3) and Oberstdorf (3).

### Halvor Egner Granerud

- Last season's overall World Cup winner Halvor Egner Granerud is sixth in the overall standings, 129 points behind leader Karl Geiger. The Norwegian has won one individual World Cup event this season, in Nizhny Tagil on 21 November.
- **Granerud won the two individual World cup events in Engelberg last season. He can become the first ski jumper to win three successive individual World Cup events in Engelberg.**

- Granerud has won 12 individual World Cup events since the start of last season, at least seven more than any other ski jumper in this period (Ryoyu Kobayashi follows on five).
- Granerud's tally of 12 individual World Cup wins is already more than any other ski jumper representing Norway (Roar Ljøkelsøy next on 11).
- The most recent ski jumper to win the men's overall World Cup in successive seasons was Janne Ahonen in 2003/04 and 2004/05.

### Other contenders

- **Stefan Kraft** begins this weekend third in the overall standings. The Austrian has claimed three individual podium finishes this World Cup campaign, including a victory in Klingenthal on 11 December.
- Kraft's win in Klingenthal last Saturday was his first individual World Cup win since 28 February 2020 in Lahti and the 22nd triumph in his career.
- Kraft (22) is one short of equalling Thomas Morgenstern (23) in third place for most individual World Cup wins among Austrian men. Only Gregor Schlierenzauer (53) and Andreas Felder (25) have won more.
- Kraft claimed three podium finishes in individual World Cup events in Engelberg, but he has yet to record a win here.
- **Anže Lanišek** is fourth in the overall standings. The only two ski jumpers representing Slovenia to win the men's overall World Cup are Primož Peterka (1996/97 and 1997/98) and Peter Prevc (2015/16).
- Lanišek won one individual World Cup event this season, in Ruka on 28 November. The most recent Slovenian ski jumper to win multiple individual World Cup events in a single campaign was Domen Prevc (4 in 2016/17).
- **Kamil Stoch** has claimed 46 career World Cup victories (all events), joint-second most all-time among men alongside Janne Ahonen and Matti Nykänen (each 46). Only Gregor Schlierenzauer (70) has won more.
- In individual World Cup wins only, Stoch is in joint-third place alongside Adam Malysz (each 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 third-place finish in Saturday's event in Klingenthal last weekend.
- 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).
- **Jan Hörl** won the individual World cup event in Wisla on 5 december. His only other podium finish was in Engelberg - a third place on 22 December 2019.

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