

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL LARGE HILL ZAKOPANE – Saturday 8 Jan 2022

Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu Kobayashi (891 points) leads the overall standings in this World Cup season, 74 points ahead of Karl Geiger (817). Kobayashi (2018/19) is the only non-European winner of the men's overall World Cup.
- Kobayashi won six of the 14 individual World Cup events this season. He is the only ski jumper to win more than two (Karl Geiger 2).
- Kobayashi (25) is joint-eighth on the list of most individual World Cup wins, alongside Andreas Felder (25). Martin Schmitt is seventh on 28 wins.
- Since Adam Malysz won at Zakopane on 20 January 2002, only two of the next 31 individual World Cup events held in Zakopane were won by the leader in the overall standings: Kamil Stoch in 2016/17 and Halvor Egnér Granerud in 2020/21.

Karl Geiger

- Karl Geiger has claimed six individual podium finishes this World Cup campaign, including victories in the opening event in Nizhny Tagil on 20 November and Engelberg on 18 December.
- Geiger has won 11 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 yet to win an individual World Cup event in Poland, finishing just once on the podium (2nd in Wisla in November 2020).
- The last German winner of an individual World Cup event on a Polish hill is Markus Eisenbichler, who triumphed in Wisla on 22 November 2020.

Halvor Egnér Granerud

- Last season's overall World Cup winner Halvor Egnér Granerud has won one World Cup event this season, the second event in Nizhny Tagil on 21 November.
- Granerud finished third (5 January), second (6 January) and second (8 January) in Bischofshofen this season. Granerud won the most recent individual World Cup event in Zakopane on 14 February 2021.
- Granerud's tally of 12 individual World Cup wins is already more than any other ski jumper representing Norway (Roar Ljøkelsøy next on 11).
- Granerud can become the second Norwegian ski jumper to win multiple individual World Cup events in Zakopane, after Anders Bardal (2).
- The last ski jumper to win consecutive individual World Cup events in Zakopane was Kamil Stoch, when he won in January 2011 and January 2012.

Other contenders

- **Marius Lindvik** won the most recent individual World Cup event, in Bischofshofen on 8 January. He can record back-to-back wins in individual World Cup events for the second time in his career, after winning two events in the 2019/20 Four Hills tournament, in Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Innsbruck.
- Lindvik won one of the three individual World Cup events held in Zakopane last year, on 17 January.
- No ski jumper has claimed as many World Cup wins (9) and podium finishes (21) in all events on Polish snow as **Kamil Stoch**.
- Only Gregor Schlierenzauer (5) has won as many individual World Cup events in Zakopane as Stoch (5).
- 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 Schlierenzauer (70) won more.
- 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 Klingenthal on 11 December.
- **Jan Hörl** won the individual event in Wisla on 5 December 2021. He can become the first athlete to win multiple individual World Cup events in Poland in a single season since Stoch won three in 2016/17, and the first non-Pole achieve this since Schlierenzauer in 2009/10.
- **Stefan Kraft** (22) is one short of equalling Thomas Morgenstern (23) in third place for most individual World Cup wins among Austrian men. Only Schlierenzauer (53) and Andreas Felder (25) won more.

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