

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL LARGE HILL WILLINGEN – Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 Jan 2022

Karl Geiger

- Karl Geiger won both events in Titisee-Neustadt last week and overtook Ryoyu Kobayashi on top of the overall standings.
- Geiger recorded four individual World Cup wins this season. The last German ski jumper to win at least five individual World Cup events in a single season was Severin Freund in 2014/15 (9).
- Geiger can win three consecutive individual World Cup events within a single season for the first time in his career. The last German to achieve this was Freund, who triumphed in four successive events in March 2015.
- Geiger already won two individual World Cup events on German snow this season (both last week in Titisee-Neustadt). Only one German ski jumper has recorded more than two individual World Cup victories on home soil in a single season: Sven Hannawald in 2001/02 (4). His fourth victory that season came in Willingen.
- Geiger (18) is fifth on the list of most World Cup victories in all events among German ski jumpers (including West/East Germany). He can equal Hannawald (19) in fourth place.
- Geiger won an individual World Cup event in Willingen in 2018/19 and can join Freund and Hannawald (both 2) as the only German men on multiple individual World Cup victories at the resort.

Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu Kobayashi has won six of the 17 individual World Cup events this season. The only other ski jumpers to have claimed multiple individual World Cup wins this season are Karl Geiger (4) and Marius Lindvik (2).
- Kobayashi has equalled Andreas Felder (both 25) in eighth place on the men's list for most individual World Cup wins. Martin Schmitt is seventh on 28 wins.
- Kobayashi is level with Gregor Schlierenzauer and Kamil Stoch (all 9) for most individual victories in (East/West) Germany in the men's World Cup.

Other contenders

- **Halvor Egner 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's only World Cup victory of this season came in Nizhny Tagil on 21 November.
- Granerud won the most recent individual World Cup events held in Willingen, both in January 2021. He could join Kamil Stoch and Noriaki Kasai on a record of three victories on the German hill.
- **Kamil Stoch** missed the World Cup in Zakopane and Titisee-Neustadt due to an injury. He might make his comeback in Willingen.

- Stoch won three individual World Cup events in Willingen (two in 2014, one in 2015), joint-most at the resort alongside Kasai.
- Stoch is level with Adam Malysz (both 39) in third place on the men's list for most individual World Cup victories. Only Gregor Schlierenzauer (53) and Matti Nykänen (46) already have at least 40 wins to their name.
- **Anže Lanišek** finished second in both events in Titisee-Neustadt last week. 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).
- **Markus Eisenbichler** finished third in both individual events in Titisee-Neustadt last week. The German has recorded 10 individual World Cup finishes on home soil, but is yet to claim victory (5 second places, 5 third places).
- **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.
- Kraft has recorded one podium finish in Willingen, a second place on 29 January 2017.

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