

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL LARGE HILL LAHTI – 25 and 27 Feb 2022

Marius Lindvik

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- After two of the last three Olympic Winter Games, an individual Olympic champion won the first individual World Cup event after the Winter Games: Simon Ammann won in Lahti after winning the normal and large hill events at Vancouver 2010 and Kamil Stoch won in Lahti after winning the large hill event at PyeongChang 2018.
- Lindvik has won three individual World Cup events this season, including the most recent event in Willingen on 30 January. Only Ryoyu Kobayashi (7) and Karl Geiger (4) have also recorded multiple individual wins in this season's men's World Cup.
- Lindvik can become the fourth Norwegian man to win an individual World Cup event in Lahti, after Ole Bremseth (two normal hill wins in 1982), Bjørn Einar Romøren (large hill in 2004) and Robert Johansson (large hill in 2021).

Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu Kobayashi won the men's individual normal hill at the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games, becoming the third non-European athlete to win an individual ski jumping Olympic title, after compatriots Yukio Kasaya (normal hill 1972) and Kazuyoshi Funaki (large hill 1998). Kobayashi also claimed silver in the men's individual large hill event.
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- Kobayashi has won seven of the 17 individual World Cup events this season. The only other male ski jumpers to have claimed multiple individual World Cup wins this season are Karl Geiger (4) and Marius Lindvik (3).
- Kobayashi (26) is two shy of equalling Martin Schmitt (28) in seventh place on the men's list for most individual World Cup wins.
- The only Japanese man to claim an individual World Cup win on the large hill in Lahti is Masahiko Harada in 1996. Japan's four other individual World Cup wins in Lahti all came on the normal hill: Noriaki Kasai (1993), Harada (1996), Funaki (1999) and Daiki Ito (2012).

Karl Geiger

- Karl Geiger returned from the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games with two bronze medals, in the men's individual large hill and the men's large hill team event.
- Geiger leads the overall World Cup standings on 1189 points, three ahead of Ryoyu Kobayashi (1186) in second. This century, the only German man to win the individual World Cup is Severin Freund (2014/15).
- Geiger (10) has recorded the most podium finishes in individual events in this season's World Cup (9 by Kobayashi). Only Kobayashi (7) claimed more individual victories than the German (4).
- Geiger (18) is one shy of equalling Sven Hannawald (19) in fourth place on the men's list for most World Cup victories in all events among German ski jumpers (including East/West Germany).
- Geiger finished on the podium in each of the last three individual World Cup events held in Lahti: second on 28 February 2020, first on 1 March 2020 and third on 24 January 2021.

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 this season came in Nizhny Tagil on 21 November.
- Granerud can become the fourth Norwegian man to win an individual World Cup event in Lahti, after Ole Bremseth (two normal hill wins in 1982), Bjørn Einar Romøren (large hill in 2004) and Robert Johansson (large hill in 2021).
- **Kamil 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.
- Only Nykänen (8), Simon Ammann (6) and Martin Schmitt (6) have claimed more individual World Cup wins on Finnish hills than Stoch (5, including 3 in Lahti).
- Coming into Lahti, Stoch is tied with Janne Ahonen and Nykänen (all 46) in second place on the men's list for most World Cup wins in all events, behind only Schlierenzauer (70).
- **Robert Johansson** won the most recent individual World Cup event in Lahti on 24 January 2021. He can become the second Norwegian ski jumper to record back-to-back individual World Cup victories in the Finnish ski resort, after Ole Bremseth in March 1982.
- **Anže 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).
- Lanišek is aiming to become the first ski jumper to win successive individual World Cup events on Finnish hills since Ryoyu Kobayashi won both events in Ruka in November 2018.



- **Peter Prevc** won a gold medal in the mixed team normal hill and silver in the men's large hill team event at Beijing 2022. He joined alpine skier Tina Maze and rower Iztok Cop on a record four Olympic medals among athletes representing Slovenia.
- Prevc' best individual result this World Cup season was a sixth place in Ruka on 28 November. His most recent podium finish was a victory in Lillehammer on 9 March 2020.
- **Finnish ski jumpers** have won a record 17 individual World Cup events in Lahti, but not since Janne Happonen's large hill victory on 5 March 2006.

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