

## PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL LARGE HILL LILLEHAMMER – 3 Mar 2022

### Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu Kobayashi is leading this season's World Cup standings on 1322 points, 43 points ahead of Karl Geiger in second place.
- Kobayashi and Halvor Egner Granerud shared the win in Lahti in the most recent individual World Cup event on 27 February. A shared victory had not occurred in a men's individual World Cup event since 11 February 2017, when Peter Prevc and Maciej Kot shared the victory in Sapporo.
- Kobayashi (27) is one shy of equalling Martin Schmitt (28) in seventh place on the men's list for most individual World Cup wins.
- Kobayashi could become the first Japanese male ski jumper to achieve a World Cup victory in Lillehammer. Japanese ski jumpers finished on the podium in Lillehammer on 11 occasions, including a third place by Kobayashi in March 2019.
- The 11 individual podium finishes for Japanese men in Lillehammer are most for a country at a single venue without ever winning in the history of the World Cup.

### Halvor Egner Granerud

- Halvor Egner Granerud achieved 10 individual podium results in this season's World Cup, most alongside Karl Geiger (10) and Ryoyu Kobayashi (10).
- Despite having recorded the same amount of podiums, Kobayahsi (8) and Geiger (4) claimed double as many wins as Granerud (2).
- Granerud's two wins this World Cup season came in Nizhny Tagil on 21 November and in Lahti last weekend (shared win with Kobayashi).
- Norwegian male ski jumpers recorded only four wins in 41 individual World Cup events in Lillehammer: Esper Bredesen (1993), Kristian Brenden (1996), Roar Ljøkelsøy (2004) and Kenneth Gangnes (2015).
- The last Norwegian male ski jumper to claim an individual World Cup victory in Norway is Robert Johansson in Oslo on 10 March 2019.

### Other contenders

- **Marius Lindvik** won the men's individual large hill at the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games, but finished outside the top-10 in both individual events in Lahti last weekend (11th and 13th).
- Lindvik has won three individual World Cup events in 2022, only trailing Ryoyu Kobayashi (4) for most. Lindvik had claimed three individual World Cup wins prior to this calendar year.
- **Karl 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).

- **German** male ski jumpers are without an individual World Cup victory in Lillehammer since 5 December 2015, when Severin Freund emerged victorious.
- **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) have at least 40 wins to their name.
- Stoch won three of the last five individual World Cup events in Lillehammer, including the most recent one on 10 March 2020. Slovenians Žiga Jelar (2nd) and **Timi Zajc** (3rd) joined him on the podium back in 2020.
- Schlierenzauer (6) is the only male ski jumper on more individual World Cup wins in Lillehammer than Stoch (3).
- **Austrian** men won a record 13 individual World Cup events in Lillehammer (Germany follows on 7), but only one of the last nine: **Stefan Kraft** on 12 March 2019.
- Austria have three different winners in the 2021/22 men's World Cup: Kraft (2), Jan Hörl (1) and Daniel Huber (1). They have not had four since the 2011/12 season (Koch, Kofler, Morgenstern and Schlierenzauer).
- **Cene Prevc** could follow in the footsteps of his brothers Domen Prevc and **Peter Prevc**, as they achieved individual World Cup wins at this venue in on 10 December 2016 and 9 March 2020 respectively.

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