

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL LARGE HILL OSLO – 5-6 March 2022

Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu 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 can become the third male Japanese ski jumper to win an individual World Cup at the Holmenkollbakken in Oslo, and the first in this century, after wins for Kazuyoshi Funaki in March 1997 and Noriaki Kasai in March 1999.
- Kobayashi won the Raw Air competition in 2019 and he could join Kamil Stoch (2018, 2020) as the male ski jumpers to win the event multiple times. Kobayashi finished second in 2020, when the Raw Air was cut short due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Stefan Kraft

- Stefan Kraft claimed his 24th individual World Cup win in Lillehammer on 3 March. He needs one more triumph to equal his Austrian compatriot Andreas Felder in ninth place all-time.
- The last time Kraft claimed successive wins in individual World Cup events was in February 2020, when he won in Râsnov and Lahti.
- Kraft won the individual World Cup in Oslo in March 2017, en route to winning the first edition of the Raw Air competition. He can join Gregor Schlierenzauer (2) and Ernst Vettori (2) as Austrian men to have won multiple individual World Cups at the Holmenkollbakken. Armin Kogler also won twice in Oslo, once at the Holmenkollbakken and once at the Midtstubakken (normal hill event at the world championships in 1982).

Other contenders

- **Karl Geiger** (1,339 points) is second behind Ryoyu Kobayashi (1,402) in the overall World Cup standings this season.
- Geiger has finished on the podium of individual World Cup events 11 times this season, joint-most with Kobayashi. The last German man to claim more individual podium finishes in a season was Andreas Wellinger (12 in 2016/17).
- Geiger has yet to win an individual World Cup event in Norway. He claimed his first podium finish in the event in Lillehammer on 3 March. His best result in Oslo is a 14th place in March 2018.
- The only German male ski jumper to finish on the podium in the Raw Air competition is Wellinger in 2017 (3rd place).
- **Halvor Egner Granerud** has won a record 13 individual World Cups among Norwegian men, and claimed 23 podium finishes, but he has yet to record a top-three finish on a Norwegian hill.
- A **Norwegian** man has yet to win the Raw Air competition. Robert Johansson (2nd in 2018, 3rd in 2019), Andreas Stjernen (3rd in 2018) and Marius Lindvik (3rd in 2020) finished inside the top-three.

- **Marius Lindvik** won the men's individual large hill at the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games. He 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.
- In 2018, **Kamil Stoch** won the Raw Air competition after he claimed Olympic gold in the individual large hill event at the PyeongChang Winter Games.
- 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 is the only man to have won the Raw Air competition multiple times, in 2018 and in 2020 (cut short due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic).

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