

## PREVIEW MEN'S EVENTS KLINGENTHAL (6-7 Feb 2021)

### Klingenthal

- Jarl Magnus Riiber won the previous two individual World Cup events in Klingenthal. He can join Eric Frenzel on a record three wins here.
- Riiber can become the first man to win three successive individual World Cup events in Klingenthal.
- Germany has won six of the 12 individual World Cup events on home snow in Klingenthal. Norway is the next best country on two victories.
- German Nordic Combined skiers claimed 11 of the 18 podium spots in the last six individual World Cup events in Klingenthal: G4-S4-B3.

### The main contenders

#### Jarl Magnus Riiber

- Overall World Cup leader Jarl Magnus Riiber has won seven individual World Cup events this season, most of all athletes. Vinzenz Geiger is next on two wins.
- Riiber won five of the last six individual World Cup events, including all three in the Nordic Combined Triple in Seefeld last week.
- Riiber also won the most World Cup events in both 2018/19 (12) and 2019/20 (14).
- Riiber has won 34 individual World Cup events, only trailing Hannu Manninen (48) and Eric Frenzel (43).
- Riiber won the last two individual World Cup events in Klingenthal. Only Frenzel won here three times.
- Riiber has led the overall World Cup standings after each of the last 48 individual World Cup events, since the second event in the 2018/19 season in Lillehammer. Mario Seidl was the last overall leader other than Riiber, as he won the opening event in Ruka in that campaign.

#### Akito Watabe

- Akito Watabe won the individual World Cup event in Lahti on 24 January.
- Japan's Watabe has won 19 individual World Cup events, joint-most for a non-European athlete together with his compatriot Kenji Ogiwara (19). Watabe needs one more win to join Samppa Lajunen (20) in ninth-place all-time.
- Watabe can win multiple individual World Cup events in a single season for the first time since he won a personal record eight events in 2017/18.
- Watabe won an individual World Cup event in Klingenthal in 2012. The only venues where he won multiple times are Oslo (4), Seefeld (3), Lahti (3) and Schonach (2).

#### Vinzenz Geiger

- Vinzenz Geiger has won five individual World Cup events, including two in Ramsau am Dachstein this season.

- Geiger won his five individual World Cup events at two different venues: in Ramsau (3) and Val di Fiemme (2).
- Geiger has finished on the podium in five individual World Cup events this season.
- In last season's World Cup, Geiger won two individual events and claimed 10 podium finishes in total (individual events).
- Geiger's best result in Klingenthal was a second place on 2 February 2019, behind Jarl Magnus Riiber.

### Other contenders

- **Eric Frenzel** has won 43 individual World Cup events, only trailing all-time record holder Hannu Manninen (48). Frenzel's last victory was in Trondheim on 13 March 2018.
- Frenzel has won a record three individual World Cup events in Klingenthal.
- Frenzel finished second in Val di Fiemme on 17 January to claim his 78th individual World Cup podium. He surpassed Ronny Ackermann (77) in second place for most top-three finishes all-time. Manninen leads that list on 90 podium finishes.
- **Fabian Rieße** has won nine individual World Cup events and has claimed 50 podium finishes. Only Eric Frenzel (78) and Ronny Ackermann (77) have finished on the podium more often among German Nordic combined skiers (includes West/East Germany).
- Rieße won twice in Klingenthal, on 17 and 18 March 2018.
- **Ilkka Herola** can hand Finland its first win an individual World Cup event since 6 March 2010, when Hannu Manninen won in Lahti.
- Herola has finished on the podium nine times. The record for most podiums without having won an individual World Cup event is 11, by Allar Levandi (URS/EST, 1985-1994) and Georg Hettich (GER, 2000-2010).
- At the age of 19, **Johannes Lamparter** can become the second-youngest Austrian to win an individual World Cup event, after Mario Stecher, who won his first World Cup at the age of 16 in 1994.
- The last Austrian to win an individual World Cup event was Bernard Gruber in Schonach on 16 March 2019.
- **Jens Lurås Oftedal** is 20 years old and can become the fifth Norwegian man to win multiple individual World Cup events before his 21st birthday, after Petter Tande (2), Geir Andersen (2), Trond Einar Elden (2) and Fred Børre Lundberg (2).
- **Johannes Rydzek** has won 17 individual World Cup events, tied with Björn Kircheisen in third place among German Nordic combined skiers (includes West/East Germany), behind Eric Frenzel (43) and Ronny Ackermann (28).