

PREVIEW MEN'S EVENTS LILLEHAMMER – 2-3 Dec 2023

Jarl Magnus Riiber

- Jarl Magnus Riiber won six of the last seven individual World Cup events. The only exception was a second place in the first event of this season's World Cup in Ruka (inaugural individual compact format).
- Riiber can become the first man to win at least four of the opening five individual World Cup events of a campaign since Riiber himself won four of the first five individual events of the 2021/22 World Cup. He won three of the opening five events last season.
- Riiber (59) is one short of 60 individual World Cup victories. He can become the first Nordic combined athlete to reach that total.
- Riiber has recorded 82 podium finishes in individual World Cup events, only trailing Hannu Manninen (90) and Eric Frenzel (83) in the all-time podium finishers.
- In the previous five seasons (since 2018/19), Riiber won 17 of the 18 individual World Cup events in Norway. The only exception was a second-place finish in the first event in Lillehammer last season (behind compatriot Jens Lurås Oftebro).
- Only Eric Frenzel (10) and Jason Lamy Chappuis (8) have recorded as many podium finishes in individual World Cup events in Lillehammer as Riiber (8).
- Riiber holds the record for most individual World Cup victories in Lillehammer (7). He has won only as many individual World Cup events in Ruka (11), Seefeld (7) and Oslo (7).

Johannes Lamparter

- Johannes Lamparter finished second in both of the last two individual World Cup events in Ruka last week. Among Austrian men, only Felix Gottwald (68), Mario Stechner (43) and Klaus Sulzenbacher (31) have recorded as many podium finishes in individual World Cup events as Lamparter (30).
- Lamparter (10) is nearing Stecher (12) in third place among Austrian men with the most individual World Cup victories. Lamparter achieved all 10 of his wins in January or February.
- Lamparter's best result in an individual World Cup event in Norway were two second-place finishes, in Lillehammer on 5 December 2021 and in Oslo on 5 March 2022.
- The last non-Norwegian man to win an individual World Cup event in Norway was Fabian Rießle (Germany) in Trondheim on 14 March 2018. All 18 events since were won by Norwegians.
- Only one Austrian man won an individual World Cup event in Lillehammer: Christoph Bieler on 3 December 2006.

Other contenders

- Each of the last seven men's individual World Cup events were won by athletes from Norway (six by Riiber, one by **Jens Lurås Oftebro**). Only Germany (18, between 2016 and 2017) and Japan (8, between 1993 and 1994) have recorded longer winning streaks.
- Oftebro was the only man to defeat Jarl Magnus Riiber in an individual World Cup event in Norway in the previous five seasons. He won the first World Cup event in Lillehammer last season.
- Oftebro can win multiple individual World Cup events at a specific ski resort for the second time. He has claimed two individual World Cup victories in Ruka.
- **Jørgen Graabak** was the only man besides Riiber to finish in the top five in the first three individual World Cup this season (third, third, fifth).
- Graabak (39) can become the fourth Norwegian man to claim at least 40 podium finishes in individual World Cup events, after Riiber (82), Bjarte Engen Vik (61) and Magnus Moan (54).
- **Stefan Rettenegger** recorded his first individual World Cup podium finish last week in Ruka. Rettenegger's best result in an individual World Cup event in Lillehammer was a 10th-place finish last season.
- **Kristjan Ilves** is looking to become the first Estonian to win an individual World Cup event. Ilves has finished runner-up four times in individual World Cup events.

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