

PREVIEW WOMEN'S EVENTS LILLEHAMMER – 1-2 Dec 2023

Gyda Westvold Hansen

- Gyda Westvold Hansen won all 13 events (World Cup and world championships) she competed in last season. At the 2023 world championships in Planica she won the individual women's event and she helped Norway win the mixed team event.
- Westvold Hansen became the first Nordic combined athlete (men or women) to win all individual events of a season (World Cup, Olympic Winter Games and world championships).
- Westvold Hansen has won 17 out of the 19 women's individual World Cup events that have taken place, including all five in Norway. The exceptions are a second place at the inaugural women's individual World Cup event and a DNF on 12 March 2022 in Schonach (won by Anju Nakamura).
- In 2020/21, Tara Geraghty-Moats won the inaugural women's World Cup which consisted of just one event. Westvold Hansen has won the individual season opener in both World Cup seasons since (both in Lillehammer).
- Westvold Hansen has won all four individual World Cup events in Lillehammer. Lillehammer is the ski resort she has won the most individual World Cup events at.
- Amongst all Nordic combined athletes (men and women), only Jarl Magnus Riiber (7) and Eric Frenzel (5) have won as many individual World Cup events in Lillehammer as Westvold Hansen (4).

Nathalie Armbruster

- Nathalie Armbruster recorded seven individual World Cup podium finishes last season. Armbruster's only non-podium finishes were fourth places in Lillehammer, Schonach and a ninth-place finish in Oslo.
- Armbruster (17y-333d on the 1 December) can become the fourth-youngest Nordic combined athlete to win an individual World Cup event, after Mario Stechner (16y-182d) in January 1994, Samppa Lajunen (17-257d) in January 1997 and Hannu Manninen (17y-326d) in March 1996.
- Looking at all Nordic combined athletes, male or female, Armbruster (7) already is the athlete to have the most individual World Cup podium finishes before turning 18 years old. Armbruster does not turn 18 until 2 January 2024.
- Armbruster won two silver medals at the 2023 world championships in Planica, in the women's individual event and the mixed team event.
- Armbruster finished third and fourth in the individual World Cup events in Lillehammer last season. The third place marked her first podium finish in an individual World Cup event.

Other contenders

- **Ida Marie Hagen** finished second in three individual World Cup events last season, including in the two most recent events in Norway (in Lillehammer and Oslo).
- Hagen won last season's 'Best Skier' trophy, as she claimed the first place in all 10 skiing events. However, she failed to reach the podium in all 10 ski jumping events (best result was a fifth place in Oslo).
- **Haruka Kasai** finished second in her first two appearances in individual World Cup events (March 2022), but failed to reach the podium in all of her 10 individual World Cup events since.
- **Yuna Kasai**, sister of Haruka, did claim a podium spot in an individual event in last season's World Cup: a third place in Schonach (11 February). Yuna Kasai (3) is tied with Anju Nakamura (3) on most individual World Cup podium finishes among Japanese women.
- **Annika Sieff** successfully defended her women's junior world title last season (won in 2022 and 2023). Sieff finished on the podium in three individual World Cups last season (all 2nd places), including a second place in Lillehammer.
- Each of **Mari Leinan Lund's** two podium finishes in individual World Cup events came in Lillehammer, claiming a second-place in both events in December 2021.
- Summer Grand Prix champion **Emma Aamodt** will not start in Lillehammer because of a knee injury.
- **Svenja Wüth** won the 'Best Jumper' trophy in the 2023 Summer Grand Prix. She can become the third German woman to claim a podium finish in an individual World Cup event, after Armbruster (7) and **Jenny Nowak** (1, second place in Schonach in February 2023).

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