

PREVIEW NORDIC COMBINED 2023/2024 WORLD CUP - MEN

Johannes Lamparter

- Johannes Lamparter won the overall World Cup in 2022/23. Lamparter was 21 years old in March and he joined Jarl Magnus Riiber (21 in 2018/19) as youngest men to win the overall World Cup since Anssi Koivuranta (20) in 2008/09.
- Lamparter had finished second in the 2021/22 overall World Cup standings. He is the only man to have finished on the podium in the past two seasons.
- Lamparter is aiming to become the first Austrian man to win the overall World Cup in successive seasons. The previous Austrian overall World Cup winners were Klaus Sulzenbacher (1987/88 and 1989/90) and Felix Gottwald (2000/01).
- Lamparter won seven individual World Cup events last season, all in January and February. Only Jarl Magnus Riiber (8) won more individual World Cup events last season.
- Lamparter (10) is closing in on Mario Stecher (12) in third place of Austrian men to win the most individual World Cup events.

Jarl Magnus Riiber and Norway

- **Jarl Magnus Riiber** won the overall World Cup from 2018/19 to 2021/22. He finished fourth in last season's World Cup, despite being the man with the most individual World Cup events victories last season (8). Riiber missed several World Cup events last season due to illness.
- Riiber can become the second man to win the overall World Cup standings at least five times, after Eric Frenzel won five seasons in a row from 2012/13 to 2016/17.
- Riiber won each of the last six individual men's events at the world championships and World Cup (February-March).
- Riiber (79) is third on the all-time ranking for most podium finishes in individual World Cup events, behind only Hannu Manninen (90) and Frenzel (83). Riiber (57) already holds the record for most wins in individual World Cup events.
- At least one Norwegian man has finished in the top-3 of the overall World Cup standings in every season since 2017/18. Eric Frenzel (Germany), Johannes Rydzek (Germany) and Akito Watabe (Japan) made up the podium in 2016/17.
- No Nordic Combined athlete amassed as many podium finishes in men's individual World Cup events last season as **Jens Lurås Oftebro** (13).
- Oftebro won the best skier trophy in the 2022/23 World Cup season. Oftebro won seven out of a possible 22 ski events last season.
- Riiber and Oftebro are the only two Nordic combined athletes to have won both a jump and a ski event in the 2022/23 men's World Cup season.
- Norway (491) need nine podium finishes to become the first country on 500 podium finishes in men's individual events.

Other Contenders

- All men's individual World Cup events in the last two seasons were either won by a Norwegian, an Austrian, or by a German. The last winner from another country was Japan's **Akito Watabe**, who won in Lahti on 24 January 2021.
- Watabe has won 19 individual World Cup events, equal most with Kenji Ogiwara (19) as Japan's record holder. Watabe's best finish last season was a fifth place in Schonach on 12 February.
- Despite winning the best jumper trophy last World Cup season, **Ryota Yamamoto** (11th) finished outside the top-10 of the overall individual World Cup standings.
- **Julian Schmid** (3) won three individual World Cup events in 2022/23. The last German man to win more individual World Cup events in a season was Vinzenz Geiger in 2020/21 (4).
- **Franz-Josef Rehrl** was the male Nordic Combined athlete with the most podium finishes without winning once in the 2022/23 World Cup (1x second, 4x third).
- **Fabian Rieße** (9) needs one more win to claim his 10th individual World Cup victory. He has not won an individual World Cup event since 18 March 2018 in Klingenthal, but he recorded 16 podium finishes since that win (G0-S5-B11).
- Estonia is still in search of its first men's individual World Cup win. **Kristjan Ilves** finished on the podium three times last season (1x second, 2x third) to finish 5th in the overall individual World Cup standings.
- **Ilkka Herola** hopes to become the first Finnish male Nordic combined athlete to win an individual World Cup event since Hannu Manninen in Lahti on 6 March 2010.
- **United States** has won 18 individual World Cup events and recorded 61 podium finishes, but its most recent podium spot dates back to 24 January 2015, when Taylor Fletcher finished third in Sapporo.
- **Eric Frenzel** has retired after the end of the 2022/23 season. He is the only person to have won the overall World Cup five times.

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