

## PREVIEW MEN'S EVENTS RUKA – Friday, Saturday and Sunday 24-26 Nov 2023

### Jarl Magnus Riiber

- **Jarl Magnus Riiber has won the last six men's individual events at the world championships and World Cup (February-March 2023). The only man to win seven individual events in a row at major competitions (Olympic Winter Games, world championships, World Cup) was Hanny Manninen in January 2006 (7 World Cup wins).**
- Riiber has won nine of the last 12 individual men's World Cup events in Ruka, only failing to win on 29 November 2020 (disqualified; Jens Lurås Oftebro won), 27 November 2021 (did not compete; Terence Weber won) and 25 November 2022 (14th; Julian Schmid won).
- Riiber's tally of nine individual World Cup victories in Ruka is four more than any other Nordic combined athlete (Ronny Ackermann 5). Only Hannu Manninen (10) has amassed as many individual World Cup podium finishes as Riiber (10) in Ruka.
- No man won as many individual World Cup events as Riiber (8) last season. Johannes Lamparter won seven.
- Riiber won 12 out of a possible 17 individual World Cup events held in Finland since the start of the 2019/20 season.

### Johannes Lamparter

- Only Jarl Magnus Riiber (8) and Johannes Lamparter (7) won more than three individual World Cup events last season. All of Lamparter's 10 individual World Cup event victories came in either January or February.
- Lamparter is yet to win an individual World Cup event in Ruka. He was runner up on three occasions here, all those three events were won by Riiber (27 November 2020, 26 November 2021 and 28 November 2021).
- The Austrian men to have won individual World Cups in Ruka are Mario Stecher (2005), Felix Gottwald (2010) and Mario Seidl (2018).
- Lamparter (10) is closing in on Mario Stecher (12) in third place of Austrian men on most individual World Cup events.
- The defending overall World Cup winner has won at least one individual event in the opening weekend of the next World Cup season since 2019/20. Akito Watabe was the last overall winner (2017/18) to not win any of next season's opening individual World Cup events: 15th in the only event in Ruka in November 2018.

## Other contenders

- **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.
- Ilves' best result in Ruka is a fourth place finish on 27 November 2021.
- Only Jarl Magnus Riiber (10) and Hannu Manninen (10) have claimed as many podium finishes in individual World Cup events in Ruka as **Jens Lurås Oftebro** (9, including a win in 2020).
- **Julian Schmid** can become the first German to win the opening individual event in consecutive World Cup seasons since Ronny Ackermann won the first Ruka event in 2007/08 and 2008/09.
- 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 **Akito Watabe**, who won in Lahti on 24 January 2021.
- Watabe (19) can surpass Kenji Ogiwara (19) as the Japanese man on the most individual World Cup event victories.
- **Fabian Rießle** (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).
- Only Riiber (9) and Ronny Ackermann (5) have won an individual World Cup event in Ruka more often than Johannes Rydzek (4).

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