

## PREVIEW MEN'S TEAM SPRINT LARGE HILL / 2 X 7.5KM LAHTI- Saturday 2 Mar 2024

- This is the 50th men's team event in the World Cup. Norway won 23 of the first 49 events.
- Germany's **Julian Schmid** and **Vinzenz Geiger** won the team event in Lahti last season. It was Germany's first World Cup win in Lahti since 2016.
- Vinzenz Geiger finished on the podium in six of his eight team sprint participations, including wins in Val di Fiemme (January 2018, with Eric Frenzel) and Lahti (March 2023).
- Norway's **Jørgen Graabak** (11) has won more team sprint events than any other Nordic combined athlete. Eric Frenzel and **Fabian Rießle** follow on four wins.
- A team containing Graabak won four of the last six sprint team events. The two exceptions were the win by Frenzel and Rießle in Val di Fiemme in January 2021 and the win by Schmid and Geiger in Lahti last year.
- Graabak finished on the podium in 16 of the 20 team sprint events he participated in (11 wins, five second places).
- Graabak's 29 World Cup wins across all disciplines include 22 team events, including 11 team sprint wins.
- **Ilkka Herola** and **Eero Hirvonen** won the team sprint event in Lahti in 2018/19. This is Finland's most recent team sprint win in the World Cup.
- The only other Finnish team sprint win in the World Cup came in 2006/07 when Hannu Manninen and Anssi Koivuranta won in Ruhpolding on 3 January 2007.
- **France** have 10 podium finishes in sprint events (one win, two second places and seven third places). The win came in Seefeld on 16 December 2011 (Sébastien Lacroix and Jason Lamy Chappuis). In last year's sprint event, **Mattéo Baud** and **Laurent Mühlethaler** finished third in Lahti.

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