

PREVIEW MEN'S EVENT LAHTI – Friday 6 March 2026

Crystal Globe

- **Johannes Lamparter (AUT)** can secure the men's 2025/26 Overall World Cup title in Lahti. He currently leads the standings by 173 points over second-placed **Jens Luraas Oftebro (NOR)**, with two events remaining (100 points for a win).
- **Johannes Lamparter (AUT)** can secure the Crystal Globe by scoring at least 28 points in Lahti; a 17th place or better would be sufficient.
- **Johannes Lamparter (AUT)** won his first Crystal Globe in 2022/23. He can become the second Austrian to win the Overall World Cup at least twice, after **Klaus Sulzenbacher** (1987/88 and 1989/90).
- **Johannes Lamparter (AUT)** has finished in the top three in the men's Overall World Cup standings in each of the last five seasons (including 2025/26). He is the first man with five consecutive Overall podiums since **Akito Watabe (JPN)**, eight in a row between 2011/12 and 2018/19).

Johannes Lamparter

- Only **Felix Gottwald** (23) has won more individual World Cup events for Austria than **Johannes Lamparter** (22). Gottwald is ranked eighth on the men's all-time list.
- **Johannes Lamparter (AUT)** has won each of the last four men's World Cup events on Finnish snow. He won the opening two events of this season in Ruka and the final two events of last season in Lahti.
- The last six men's individual World Cup events in Lahti have been won by either **Johannes Lamparter (AUT)**, 3 wins, 2024-2025) or **Jarl Magnus Riiber (NOR)**, 3 wins, 2022-2023).
- Only **Hannu Manninen (FIN)**, 4) and **Björn Kircheisen (GER)**, 4) have won more individual World Cup events in Lahti than **Johannes Lamparter (AUT)**, 3).

Finland

- **Iikka Herola (FIN)** won the most recent men's World Cup event, in Kulm (AUT) last week. It was the first ever Nordic Combined Ski Flying event and Herola's second career individual World Cup victory (he also won in Oslo (NOR) on 16 March 2025).
- **Iikka Herola (FIN)** is the only man outside the 'big three' nations of Austria, Germany or Norway to reach a World Cup podium this season. Besides his victory in Kulm last week, Herola finished third in the first event of the season, a Compact in Ruka (FIN) on 28 November.
- **Eero Hirvonen (FIN)** has claimed six podiums in individual World Cup events (3 second places, 3 third places). His first individual podium was in Lahti, where he came second in a Gundersen on 7 January 2017. His next two were also on home snow in Ruka in November 2017.
- On 9 February 2019, **Iikka Herola (FIN)** and **Eero Hirvonen (FIN)** won the men's team sprint in the World Cup in front of a home crowd in Lahti.
- Last season, **Iikka Herola (FIN)** finished second in Lahti on 21 March 2025. The most recent **Finnish athlete** to win an individual World Cup event on Finnish snow was **Hannu Manninen**, in Lahti on 6 March 2010.

Johannes Rydzek

- Last week, **Johannes Rydzek (GER)** claimed his third individual podium of this World Cup season by finishing third in the Ski Flying event in Kulm (AUT). The previous season in which Rydzek collected at least three individual World Cup podiums was 2018/19 (7 podiums).
- **Johannes Rydzek (GER)** claimed his first career World Cup victory 15 years ago in Lahti. On 12 March 2011, he won a Gundersen ahead of **Eric Frenzel (GER)** and **Felix Gottwald (AUT)**.
- In total, **Johannes Rydzek (GER)** claimed eight of his 18 individual World Cup victories on Finnish snow, including his most recent one, in Ruka on 30 November 2024.

Other contenders

- At Milano Cortina 2026, **Jens Luraas Oftebro (NOR)** became the second Nordic Combined athlete to win three gold medals at a single Olympic Winter Games, after **Samppa Lajunen (FIN)** in 2002.
- **Jens Luraas Oftebro (NOR)** has already secured the men's Best Skier Trophy for the third time, after 2022/23 and 2024/25. Only **Iikka Herola (FIN)** has also won it three times.
- **Jens Luraas Oftebro (NOR)** has won 10 individual World Cup events, including three this season (two in Oberhof (GER) and one in Seefeld (AUT)).
- **Thomas Rettenegger (AUT)** has already secured this season's Best Jumper Trophy. He is the second Austrian to win this trophy, after **Franz-Josef Rehrl**, who won the first edition in 2018/19.
- **Stefan Rettenegger (AUT)** has claimed 14 podium finishes in individual World Cup events, but has yet to record his first win (7 second places, 7 third places). He also has two World Cup podiums (both seconds) in team events.
- **Kristjan Ilves (EST)** can become the first athlete representing Estonia to win a World Cup event in Nordic Combined. Ilves has already claimed 12 podium finishes in individual World Cup events (6 second places and 6 third places).

PREVIEW WOMEN'S EVENT LAHTI – Friday 6 March 2026

Lahti

- This will be the first women's Nordic Combined World Cup event in Finland. So far, women's World Cup events have been held in Austria (20), Norway (15), Estonia (12), Germany (12) and Italy (1).

Crystal Globes

- **Ida Marie Hagen (NOR)** has already secured the women's 2025/26 Overall World Cup. She leads by 215 points with two events remaining (100 points for a win).
- **Ida Marie Hagen (NOR)** won her first Crystal Globe in 2023/24. She became the second woman to top the Overall standings multiple times, after **Gyda Westvold Hansen (NOR)**, who won the Crystal Globe in 2021/22 and 2022/23.
- **Ida Marie Hagen (NOR)** has also secured this season's women's Best Skier Trophy. She has won this trophy (awarded since 2017/18) four times, which is an all-time record. **Ilkka Herola (FIN)** and **Jens Luraas Oftebro (NOR)**, including this season) have won the men's Best Skier Trophy three times.
- **Ingrid Laate (NOR)** leads this season's women's Best Jumper standings. She can succeed **Maria Gerboth (GER)**, who won this trophy last season. **Gyda Westvold Hansen (NOR)** was the best female jumper in each of the first four seasons in which this trophy was awarded (since 2020/21).

Ida Marie Hagen

- **Ida Marie Hagen (NOR)** has won a women's record 27 individual World Cup events, four more than **Gyda Westvold Hansen (NOR, 23)**.
- **Ida Marie Hagen (NOR)** is fifth on the all-time list - across women and men - with 27 individual World Cup victories. She can join **Ronny Ackermann (GER, 28 wins)** in fourth place.
- **Ida Marie Hagen (NOR)** has won 10 of the 12 women's World Cup events this season. The exceptions were Mass Start events in Trondheim (NOR) - won by **Katahrina Gruber (AUT)** - and Seefeld (AUT), won by **Alexa Brabec (USA)**.
- **Ida Marie Hagen (NOR)** can become the first woman to win more than 10 World Cup events in a single season. In 2022/23, **Gyda Westvold Hansen (NOR)** won all 10 women's events.
- There have been 60 women's Nordic Combined events in World Cup history. **Norwegian women** have recorded 98 podiums so far (52 wins, 29 seconds, 17 thirds).

Alexa Brabec

- **Alexa Brabec (USA)** recorded her first World Cup victory by winning the Mass Start in Seefeld (AUT) on 30 January 2026.
- **Alexa Brabec (USA)** has finished in the top four in all 12 women's World Cup events this season, including seven podium finishes (1 win, 4 second places, 2 third places).

Minja Korhonen

- **Minja Korhonen** can become the first Finnish woman to win a World Cup event in Nordic Combined.
- **Finland** can become the sixth nation to win a women's Nordic Combined World Cup event, after Norway (52), Germany (3), Japan (2), United States (2) and Austria (1).
- **Minja Korhonen (FIN)** is 18 years old and can become the second woman to win a World Cup event before turning 19, after **Katharina Gruber (AUT)** won aged 17 in Trondheim (NOR) on 6 December 2025.
- **Minja Korhonen (FIN)** has eight World Cup podium finishes (3 second places, 5 third places), including six this season.
- **Minja Korhonen (FIN)** competed in ski jumping at the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games, as did **Heta Hirvonen (FIN)** and **Lisa Hirner (AUT)**.
- The last **Finnish athlete** to win an individual World Cup event on Finnish snow was **Hannu Manninen**, in Lahti on 6 March 2010.

Other contenders

- **Nathalie Armbruster (GER)** has won three World Cup events, all in 2024/25. This season, she claimed seven podium finishes (2 second places, 5 third places).
- **Yuna Kasai (JPN)** has won one World Cup event, a Mass Start in Otepää (Estonia) on 7 February 2025. Her twin sister **Haruka Kasai (JPN)** finished second that day.
- **Tara Geraghty-Moats (USA)** has two career World Cup podiums. She won the first-ever women's World Cup, in Ramsau (AUT) on 18 December 2020 and finished third in the most recent women's World Cup, in Seefeld (AUT) on 1 February 2026.
- **Ema Volavsek (SLO)** finished second in the Mass Start in Seefeld (AUT). It was her third career World Cup podium and her first since 2021/22.