

PREVIEW MEN'S EVENT OSLO – Sunday 15 March 2026

Johannes Lamparter

- **Johannes Lamparter (AUT)** secured the men's 2025/26 Overall World Cup title in Lahti (FIN) last week, clinching his second Crystal Globe.
- 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 five individual World Cup events this season, more than any other man. **Jens Luraas Oftebro (NOR)** follows with four victories.
- **Johannes Lamparter (AUT)** has recorded six podium finishes in World Cup events in Oslo, but has yet to win (3 second places, 3 third places). In 2024 he finished second in both events in Oslo and in 2025 third in both.
- **Johannes Lamparter** can become the first Austrian man to win a World Cup event in Oslo since **Bernhard Gruber** in 2008.

Oftebrothers

- **Jens Luraas Oftebro (NOR)** and **Einar Luraas Oftebro (NOR)** are currently second and third in this season's Overall standings. They can become the first siblings to share the Overall World Cup podium in Nordic Combined. In ski jumping, Slovenian siblings **Domen Prevc** and **Nika Prevc** both claimed a Crystal Globe this season.
- **Jens Luraas Oftebro (NOR)** has won 11 individual World Cup events, including one on Norwegian snow, in Lillehammer on 3 December 2022.
- The best results of **Jens Luraas Oftebro (NOR)** in World Cup events in Oslo were two third places in 2022.
- **Jens Luraas Oftebro (NOR)** can become the first Nordic Combined athlete since **Jason Lamy-Chappuis (FRA)** in 2010 to win an individual gold medal at the Olympic Winter Games and a World Cup event in Oslo in the same season.
- Between 2016 and 2024, **Jarl Magnus Riiber (NOR)** won nine World Cup events in Oslo, including eight in a row from 2019 to 2024. The previous **Norwegian man** before Riiber to win an individual World Cup event in Oslo was **Petter Tande**, who won a Compact sprint in 2008, having also won a Gundersen in 2006.
- **Einar Luraas Oftebro (NOR)** has claimed five individual World Cup podium finishes (all in 2026), including a victory in Otepää (EST). He has shared the podium three times with brother **Jens Luraas Oftebro (NOR)**, including a one-two finish in Oberhof (GER) and Lahti (FIN). On all three occasions Jens finished ahead of Einar.

Iikka Herola

- **Iikka Herola (FIN)** won his first career individual World Cup event in Oslo last season. He set a Nordic Combined record on the Holmenkollbakken, jumping 146.0 metres, and kept his lead in the cross-country part.
- In total, **Iikka Herola (FIN)** has won two individual World Cup events. He also triumphed in the Ski Flying event in Kulm (AUT) two weeks ago.

Akito Watabe

- **Akito Watabe (JPN)**, aged 37, has announced he will retire after this World Cup event in Oslo.
- **Akito Watabe (JPN)** made his World Cup debut 20 years ago. Aged 17, he competed in World Cup events in Sapporo (JPN) on 18 and 19 March 2006.
- **Akito Watabe (JPN)** has won 19 individual World Cup events, joint-11th on the men's all-time list. Four of his victories came in Oslo, more than at any other venue.
- **Akito Watabe (JPN)** won the King's Cup at the Holmenkollen Festival in 2012, 2015, 2017 and 2018. His brother **Yoshito Watabe (JPN)** recorded his only career individual World Cup podium finish in Oslo: third place in 2013.
- **Akito Watabe (JPN)** has competed in 302 individual World Cup events, more than any other Nordic Combined athlete.
- **Akito Watabe (JPN)** won the Overall World Cup in 2017/18.
- **Akito Watabe (JPN)** has won individual Olympic medals in 2014 (silver), 2018 (silver) and 2022 (bronze). He also claimed bronze in the Team Event in 2022.
- Last year, **Akito Watabe (JPN)** received the Holmenkollen Medal in Oslo. The award was handed over to him by King Harald V of Norway.

Other contenders

- **Vinzenz Geiger (GER)** won the Gundersen in Oslo last season on 15 March 2025, clinching his first King's Cup. He beat **Jarl Magnus Riiber (NOR)**, who ended his career the following day in front of a home crowd.
- **Vinzenz Geiger (GER)** has won 19 individual World Cup events, including two this season, in Ramsau (AUT) and Seefeld (AUT).
- **Johannes Rydzek (GER)** won the Gundersen in Oslo on 8 March 2014. His most recent World Cup victory came in Ruka (FIN) on 30 November 2024.
- **Stefan Rettenegeger (AUT)** has claimed 14 podium finishes in individual World Cup events, including third place in Oslo on 9 March 2024. He is still chasing his first World Cup victory (7 second places, 7 third places).
- Austrian brothers **Stefan Rettenegeger** (875 points) and **Thomas Rettenegeger** (872 points) are in a close battle in the Overall rankings, sitting seventh and eight. So far, Stefan has always finished above his older brother Thomas.
- **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), including third place in Oslo on 10 March 2024.

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Oslo

- Oslo has hosted women's World Cup events since 2023, when **Gyda Westvold Hansen (NOR)** won a Gundersen. In 2024, **Ida Marie Hagen (NOR)** won a Gundersen. In 2025, **Westvold Hansen** won a Gundersen and a Compact.

Ida Marie Hagen

- **Ida Marie Hagen (NOR)** has already secured the women's 2025/26 Overall World Cup title, clinching her second Crystal Globe.
- **Ida Marie Hagen (NOR)** holds the women's record with 27 individual World Cup wins, four more than **Gyda Westvold Hansen (NOR, 23)**.
- **Ida Marie Hagen (NOR)** is fifth on the all-time list (men and women combined) 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 13 women's World Cup events this season. She also finished on the podium in the other three (two second places, one third place).
- **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.
- As well as **Gyda Westvold Hansen's** perfect season in 2022/23, **Ida Marie Hagen (NOR)** is the only other woman to finish on the podium in every individual World Cup event in a season, in 2023/24 (9 wins, 6 second places in 15 events) - excluding 2020/21, when there was just one event.
- **Ida Marie Hagen (NOR)** has finished on the podium in each of the last 12 women's individual World Cup events held in Norway (5 wins, 6 second places, 1 third place).
- There have been 61 women's Nordic Combined events in World Cup history. **Norwegian women** have recorded 99 podium finishes (52 wins, 30 seconds, 17 thirds).

Minja Korhonen

- **Minja Korhonen (FIN)** won the women's event in Lahti (FIN) last week, becoming the first Finnish woman to win a World Cup event.
- **Minja Korhonen (FIN)**, aged 18, became the third woman to record her maiden World Cup victory this season, after 17-year-old **Katharina Gruber (AUT)** and 21-year-old **Alexa Brabec (USA)**.

Alexa Brabec

- **Alexa Brabec (USA)** has finished in the top four in all 13 women's World Cup events this season, including eight podium finishes (1 win, 4 second places, 3 third places).
- **Alexa Brabec (USA)** has won one individual World Cup event, a Mass Start in Seefeld (AUT) on 30 January 2026.

Katharina Gruber

- **Katharina Gruber (AUT)**, aged 17, won individual gold at the FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships in Lillehammer (NOR) last week.
- **Katharina Gruber (AUT)** won the most recent women's World Cup event on Norwegian snow, a Mass Start in Trondheim on 6 December 2025. It is her only individual World Cup podium finish to date.

Ingrid Laate

- **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 top female jumper in each of the first four seasons in which this trophy was awarded (since 2020/21).
- **Ingrid Laate (NOR)** made her World Cup debut in Oslo three years ago, aged 15. She finished 13th on 11 March 2023.
- Last season, **Ingrid Laate (NOR)** recorded the best jump in both World Cup events in Oslo, the first time the women had competed on a Large Hill. In the Gundersen, she went on to finish fourth, her best result so far in a World Cup event. In the Compact, she did not start the cross-country race.

Other contenders

- **Nathalie Armbruster (GER)** has won three World Cup events, all in 2024/25 when she won the Crystal Globe. This season, she has claimed seven podium finishes (2 second places, 5 third places).
- **Yuna Kasai (JPN)** has won one World Cup event, a Mass Start in Otepää (EST) on 7 February 2025. Her twin sister **Haruka Kasai (JPN)** finished second that day.
- **Lisa Hirner (AUT)** has claimed nine individual World Cup podium finishes, but is still chasing her first victory (3 second places, 6 third places). Her most recent podium finish was a second place in Oslo on 15 March 2025.
- **Ema Volavsek (SLO)** can become the first Slovenian Nordic Combined athlete to win a World Cup event.
- **Lena Brocard (FRA)** has made 61 appearances in individual World Cup events, more than any other woman. She has recorded 29 top-10 finishes, but has yet to reach the podium. Her best result was a fourth place in Schonach (GER) on 28 January 2024.