

## PREVIEW MEN'S EVENTS OBERHOF (17-18 Jan 2026)

### Johannes Lamparter

- **Johannes Lamparter (AUT)** has won 21 individual World Cup events, ranking him ninth on the men's all-time list.
- Only **Felix Gottwald (AUT)** has won more individual World Cup events for Austria than **Johannes Lamparter** (21). Gottwald is ranked eighth overall with 23 victories.
- **Johannes Lamparter (AUT)** has claimed his 21 individual victories in the World Cup at 10 different venues. He has yet to compete in Oberhof.
- **Johannes Lamparter (AUT)** won his only World Championship individual gold medal on German snow, in Oberstdorf on 4 March 2021. Aged 19, he beat **Jarl Magnus Riiber (NOR)** and **Akito Watabe (JPN)** in a Large Hill Gundersen.
- **Johannes Lamparter (AUT)** won the most recent men's World Cup event on German snow, an Individual Compact in Schonach on 19 January 2025.

### Oberhof

- World Cup events will be held in Oberhof for the first time since January 2010.
- The events in Oberhof are the first and only World Cup competitions to be held in Germany this season, after the events in Schonach on 3-4 January were cancelled due to bad weather conditions.
- **Johannes Rydzek (GER)** is one of only two current athletes who took part in the last World Cup event in Oberhof in January 2010, as did **Alessandro Pittin (ITA)**. They also both competed in Oberhof in December 2008, when **Akito Watabe (JPN)** was also on the start line.
- **Ronny Ackermann** is the only German Nordic Combined athlete to win a World Cup event in Oberhof - a Gundersen on 30 December 2003.

### Germany

- Last week, **Julian Schmid (GER)** won the Mass Start in Otepää (Estonia). It was his fourth individual victory in the World Cup and his first since February 2023, when he won a Gundersen in Oberstdorf (Germany).
- **Johannes Rydzek (GER)** finished second twice in Otepää. These were his first podium finishes in the World Cup since he won a Gundersen in Ruka (Finland) at the start of last season, on 30 November 2024.
- **Johannes Rydzek (GER)** and **Vinzenz Geiger (GER)** have both won 18 individual World Cup events. Among German athletes, only **Eric Frenzel** (43) and **Ronny Ackermann** (28) won more.
- Two of **Vinzenz Geiger's (GER)** individual wins in the World Cup were on German snow: in Klingenthal on 6 and 7 February 2021. **Johannes Rydzek (GER)** has yet to win an individual World Cup event in front of a home crowd.

## Brothers

- Last week in Otepää (Estonia), **Einar Luraas Oftebro (NOR)** finished third in the Mass Start (his first World Cup podium) and won the Gundersen (his first World Cup victory).
- Einar's younger brother **Jens Luraas Oftebro (NOR)** has won seven individual World Cup events, most recently in Seefeld (Austria) on 1 February 2025.
- **Jens Luraas Oftebro (NOR)** finished fourth in all three men's World Cup events in Otepää. The *Oftebrothers* have yet to share a World Cup podium.
- Austrian brothers **Thomas Rettenegger** and **Stefan Rettenegger** have shared one podium in the World Cup. Last month, on 19 December 2025, Thomas won a Mass Start in Ramsau (Austria) and Stefan finished third.
- **Stefan Rettenegger (AUT)** has claimed 12 podium finishes in individual World Cup events, but has yet to record his first win (5 second places, 7 third places). He also has two World Cup podium finishes (both seconds) in Team events.

## Other contenders

- Besides **Einar Luraas Oftebro (NOR)**, another Norwegian claimed his first World Cup podium finish last week in Otepää: **Andreas Skoglund**, younger brother of **Aleksander Skoglund (NOR)**, finished third in the Gundersen.
- **Ilkka Herola (FIN)** is the only man outside the 'big three' nations of Austria, Germany or Norway to reach a World Cup podium this season. Herola finished third in the first event of the season, a Compact in Ruka on 28 November.
- **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).

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### Ida Marie Hagen on verge of women's all-time wins record

- **Ida Marie Hagen (NOR)** has won 23 individual World Cup events, joint-most among women alongside **Gyda Westvold Hansen (NOR, 23)**. In Oberhof, she can become the outright record holder.
- Of the 55 women's individual World Cup events to date, 46 were won by **Ida Marie Hagen (NOR, 23)** or **Gyda Westvold Hansen (NOR, 23)**. Number three on the women's all-time list is **Nathalie Armbruster (GER)** with three victories.
- **Gyda Westvold Hansen (NOR)** won her 23rd individual World Cup event aged 22, in Oslo (Norway) on 16 March 2025. This season, the two-time overall champion switched to Ski Jumping.
- **Ida Marie Hagen (NOR)** has won six of the seven women's World Cup events this season. The exception was a Mass Start in Trondheim (Norway), in which she finished second.
- Last season, **Ida Marie Hagen (NOR)** won each of the first seven women's World Cup events, but went on to finish second in the overall standings.
- **Ida Marie Hagen (NOR)** has finished on the podium in 35 of the last 38 women's individual World Cup events. The exceptions occurred between 1 and 7 February 2025: a DSQ in Seefeld (Austria), which also ruled her out of the final event of the 'Triple', and a 15th place in Otepää (Estonia) after a fall.
- In total, **Ida Marie Hagen (NOR)** has finished on the podium in 39 individual World Cup events, one shy of the women's record held by Gyda Westvold Hansen (NOR, 40 podium places).
- **Ida Marie Hagen (NOR)** has won each of the last five women's individual World Cup events. It is the fourth longest winning run in the women's World Cup, after a run of 14 by **Gyda Westvold Hansen (NOR, 2022-2023)**, a run of 11 by **Hagen** herself (2024-2025) and a run of six by **Westvold Hansen** (2021-2022).

### Alexa Brabec

- **Alexa Brabec (USA)** has finished in the top four in all seven women's World Cup events this season, including four podium places (2 second places, 2 thirds).
- **Alexa Brabec** can become the second American woman to win a World Cup event, after **Tara Geraghty-Moats**, who won the first-ever women's event, in Ramsau (Austria) in December 2020.
- Five men won at least one World Cup event for USA: **Bill Demong** (9), **Todd Lodwick** (6), **Kerry Lynch** (1), **Johnny Spillane** (1) and **Bryan Fletcher** (1).

## Germany

- Oberhof will host women's Nordic Combined World Cup events for the first time this weekend.
- The events in Oberhof are the first and only World Cup competitions to be held in Germany this season, after the events in Schonach on 3-4 January were cancelled due to bad weather conditions.
- **Nathalie Armbruster (GER)** has won three World Cup events, all last season. Armbruster won twice in Seefeld (Austria) and once in Otepää (Estonia), where she beat **Ida Marie Hagen (NOR)**, who came second.
- Coming to Oberhof, **Nathalie Armbruster (GER)** has reached the podium 22 times in 48 individual World Cup starts.
- **Nathalie Armbruster (GER)** has claimed three podium finishes on German snow, all in Schonach. There, she recorded a third place in 2023 and 2024 and a second place in 2025.
- **Jenny Nowak's (GER)** best result in an individual World Cup event came in front of a home crowd: a second place in a Gundersen in Schonach on 11 February 2023.

## Other contenders

- Coming to Oberhof, the top six in the women's World Cup standings represent six different countries (and three different continents).
- **Minja Korhonen (FIN)** finished on the podium in all three women's events in Otepää (Estonia) last week. In total, she has claimed six World Cup podium finishes (2 second places, 4 third places).
- **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 (Norway) last month.
- **Minja Korhonen (FIN)** can become the first Finnish woman to win a World Cup event in Nordic Combined.
- **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.
- Only **Haruka Kasai (JPN)**, 13 podium finishes) has claimed as many podium finishes in women's World Cup events without a victory as **Lisa Hirner (AUT)**, 3 second places and 6 third places).
- **Lena Brocard (FRA)** is the only Nordic Combined athlete who has started in all 55 women's individual World Cup events. Her best result was a fourth place in a Gundersen in Schonach (Germany) on 28 January 2024.