

PREVIEW MEN'S EVENTS OTEPÄÄ – Friday 9 February 2024 - Sunday 11 February 2024

Jarl Magnus Riiber

- Jarl Magnus Riiber has finished first (11 times) or second (three times) in all 14 individual World Cup events this season. In 2019/20 he either won or came runner-up in the first 15 individual World Cup events.
- With his three victories last week, Riiber (93) surpassed Hannu Manninen (90) to claim the top spot for the most individual World Cup podium finishes by a Nordic combined athlete.
- If Riiber (11) wins all three individual events in Otepää, he can equal the record for most individual World Cup wins in a single season (14), set by himself in 2019/20.
- **Riiber is currently on a seven-event winning run in individual World Cup events, equalling the record for most successive individual victories, set by Manninen in January 2006 (7).**
- Riiber has won four individual events in Otepää in four participations. He did not compete in Otepää last year.

Johannes Lamparter

- Johannes Lamparter (2) is one of three men to win an individual World Cup event this season, alongside Jarl Magnus Riiber (11) and Jens Lurås Oftebro (1).
- Lamparter won seven individual World Cup events last season, the first of which in Otepää on 7 January 2023.
- Otepää can become the fourth resort at which Lamparter records multiple individual World Cup triumphs, after Klingenthal (4), Seefeld (2) and Ramsau am Dachstein (2). Only Riiber (4) has claimed multiple individual World Cup triumphs in the Estonian resort.
- Lamparter (12) has equalled Mario Stecher (12) in third place on most individual World Cup victories among Austrian men, behind Felix Gottwald (23) and Klaus Sulzenbacher (14).

Other contenders

- **Stefan Rettenegeger** is still chasing his first individual World Cup victory despite seven individual podium results in the World Cup. Those seven podium results (two second places and five third places) were all achieved this season.
- Only three male Nordic combined athletes have ever recorded more individual podium finishes in World Cup events without ever claiming victory than Rettenegeger (7): Georg Hettich, Iikka Herola and Allar Levandi (all 11).
- **Jørgen Graabak** finished second in each of the last four individual World Cup events, including all three in the Nordic Combined Triple. Graabak's best result in Otepää was a sixth place on 8 January 2023.

- **Julian Schmid** won the second individual event in Otepää last season. Schmid's best result so far in the 2023/24 World Cup was fourth in Lillehammer on 2 December 2023.
- German Nordic combined athletes have recorded only two individual World Cup podium finishes this season: third places by Manuel Faißt in Ramsau am Dachstein (15 December) and Oberstdorf (14 January).
- **Jens Lurås Oftebro** is the only Nordic combined athlete other Riiber and Lamparter to win an individual World Cup event this season. Oftebro triumphed in the opening event in Ruka this season on 24 November.
- **Estonian** Nordic combined athletes are yet to claim an individual World Cup victory. **Kristjan Ilves** reached the podium six times, but not yet on home snow (7th last year as his best result).

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