

## PREVIEW MEN'S TEAM SPRINT FREESTYLE LAHTI – Friday 24 Mar 2023

### Norway

- Norway won the world title in the men's team sprint freestyle this year. Johannes Høsflot Klæbo and Pål Golberg competed for them in Planica.
- It was Norway's third successive world title in the men's team sprint.
- The Norwegians also won the gold medal in the men's team sprint at the last two Olympic Winter Games.
- Norway has won 14 World Cup events in the men's team sprint, but in this season's team sprint event Norway finished 15th and 16th, in Livigno on 22 January.
- Johannes Høsflot Klæbo has won a record 39 individual sprint World Cup events, but only one team sprint World Cup event: in Lahti on 10 February 2019.

### Other contenders

- **France** won the only previous men's team sprint event in this season's World Cup, in Livigno last January. Richard Jouve and Renaud Jay competed for France.
- It was France's second World Cup win in the team sprint, after a victory in Dresden in January 2020.
- **Italy** has won eight men's team sprint World Cup events, third-most behind Norway (14) and Russia (11). Italy's last win was in Ulricehamn in February 2021.
- Italy's Federico Pellegrino (3) can equal the record for most World Cup wins in the men's team sprint, held by Alexey Petukhov, Tor Arne Hetland, Cristian Zorzi, Ola Vigen Hattestad and Nikolay Morilov (all 4).
- **Finland** claimed four World Cup podiums in the men's team sprint, most recently a third place by Mäki/Hakola in Planica on 22 December 2019. Finland has yet to win this event in the World Cup.
- **Sweden** finished runners up in World Cup team sprint events a record 13 times. Its last win came in Düsseldorf in December 2011.

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