

PREVIEW MEN'S EVENTS LILLEHAMMER – 4-5 Dec 2021

Jarl Magnus Riiber

- For the third time in a row, Jarl Magnus Riiber started off the season with the overall victory in the Ruka Tour (26-28 November). Riiber triumphed on the first and third day, and skipped the event on day two (Gundersen Large Hill / 10km).
- Riiber has won 38 individual World Cup events. Hannu Manninen (48) and Eric Frenzel (43) are the only Nordic combined skiers on more wins.
- Riiber won each of the last five individual World Cup events in Lillehammer (2018-2019). His five wins at this venue are equal most with Eric Frenzel (5, 2011-2016).
- Riiber only recorded more individual World Cup wins in Ruka (7) and Seefeld (6).
- Riiber finished first or second in each of the last 12 individual World Cup events in which he took part (9 wins, 3 times runner-up), following his disqualification in Ruka on 29 November 2020.

Terence Weber

- Terence Weber celebrated his first individual World Cup victory in Ruka on 27 November. Coming into the Ruka Tour, his best result in an individual World Cup event was a seventh-place finish in Ramsau am Dachstein on 23 December 2018.
- Weber wore the yellow bib after his triumph in Ruka. Jarl Magnus Riiber had been leading the World Cup classification after each of the previous 53 individual World Cup events. Riiber retook the lead on the final day of the Ruka Tour.
- The last German Nordic combined skier other than Vinzenz Geiger to claim multiple individual World Cup victories in a single season was Fabian Rießle in 2017/18 (4). Geiger claimed four wins in 2020/21 and two in 2019/20.
- The last Nordic combined skier representing Germany to win an individual World Cup event in Lillehammer was Eric Frenzel in December 2016 (2 wins).

Johannes Lamparter

- Johannes Lamparter finished second in two of the three World Cup events in the season opener in Ruka. He came eighth on the second day.
- Lamparter won the men's large hill/10km event at the 2021 world championships. He has yet to win his first individual World Cup event.
- Lamparter (21 years and 27 days on 5 December) can become the second youngest Austrian winner of an individual World Cup event, after Mario Stecher, who won seven events before turning 22.

- The only Nordic combined skier representing Austria to win an individual World Cup event in Lillehammer was Christophe Bieler on 3 December 2006.

Jens Lurås Oftebro

- Jens Lurås Oftebro came third in two of the three events in Ruka last weekend. He finished in only 23rd place on the second day of the Ruka Tour.
- Jens Lurås Oftebro targets his second individual World Cup victory, after claiming the win in Ruka on 29 November 2020.
- Jens Lurås Oftebro could become the first Norwegian skier other than Jarl Magnus Riiber to win an individual World Cup event in Lillehammer since Espen Andersen emerged victorious here on 3 December 2017.

Other contenders

- **Eric Frenzel** has won 43 individual World Cup events, only trailing Hannu Manninen (48) for most wins. Frenzel's last victory in an individual World Cup event was in Trondheim on 13 March 2018.
- Frenzel can become the fourth Nordic combined skier to win an individual World Cup event in at least 10 seasons, after Manninen (12 seasons), Magnus Moan (12) and Björn Kircheisen (10).
- Frenzel (80) is second on the list of on the list of most podium finishes in individual World Cups, behind Manninen (90).
- Frenzel and Jarl Magnus Riiber (5) share the record for most individual World Cup wins in Lillehammer.
- Fabian Rießle (9) needs one more win to claim his 10th individual World Cup victory. Four German skiers (including East and West Germany) reached double figures: Frenzel (43), Ronny Ackermann (28), Kircheisen and **Johannes Rydzek** (both 17).
- Terence Weber (1st), Eric Frenzel (2nd) and Vinzenz Geiger (3rd) swept the podium for **Germany** on the second day in Ruka (27 November). This was Germany's second podium sweep of 2021, after their 1-2-3 in Klingenthal on 6 February.
- Twice before, Germany recorded at least three podium sweeps in the World Cup in a single calendar year: in 2016 (3) and 2017 (3).
- **Akito Watabe** has won 19 individual World Cup events, equal most with Kenji Ogiwara among Japanese men. Watabe never triumphed in Lillehammer (runner-up twice, one third place).
- **Ilkka Herola** hopes to claim the first individual World Cup event win for Finland since Hannu Manninen won the last of his record 48 victories in Lahti on 6 March 2010.
- Herola has recorded nine podium finishes in individual World Cup events, but he has yet to claim his first victory. Two athletes recorded more podium finishes without having claimed a win in their career: Allar Levandi (11 podium finishes) and Georg Hettich (11

- Besides Johannes Lamparter, **Ryota Yamamoto** (9th, 10th, 6th) and **Lukas Greiderer** (6th, 6th, 5th) were the only other skiers to finish top 10 in each of the three World Cup events in the Ruka Tour last weekend.

Lillehammer

- Lillehammer will host an World Cup event for the first time since December 2019. Lillehammer was scheduled to host two World Cup rounds in the 2020/21 season, but those were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Jarl Magnus Riiber and Eric Frenzel (5) have won most individual World Cup events in Ruka, two ahead of Hannu Manninen, Jason Lamy Chappuis and Magnus Moan (3 wins each).
- Frenzel has finished on the podium a record nine times in Lillehammer. Lamy Chappuis (8) and Fabian Rießle (7) are in second and third place on most individual World Cup podiums in Lillehammer.
- Norwegian Nordic combined skiers won 16 of the 31 individual World Cup events in Lillehammer. Germany follows on seven victories.
- At the last eight individual World Cup events in Lillehammer, 23 of the 24 podiums spots were divided among skiers representing Norway (12) and Germany (11). The exception was a third place by Austria's Franz-Josef Rehrl on 30 November 2018.
- Host country Norway had at least one skier on the podium in each of those last eight events. That run began after Germany swept the podium on 4 December 2016.

Team Relay

- Lillehammer will host the first team relay event in the men's World Cup since 25 January 2020, when Norway won in Oberstdorf. The Norwegians crossed the line 1:34 ahead of runners-up Germany. Japan completed the podium.
- This will be the third men's team relay event in Lillehammer, after December 2016 (won by Germany) and December 2017 (won by Norway).
- The last 17 men's team relay events in the World Cup were either won by Norway (10) or Germany (7), after Finland triumphed in Val di Fiemme on 14 January 2007.
- Jørgen Graabak was part of the Norwegian team in eight of their 10 victories, most wins for a Nordic combined skier of any country. Eric Frenzel and Jan Schmid have seven wins to their names.

International Ski Federation www.fis-ski.com
Gracenote Sports on Twitter [@GracenoteGold](https://twitter.com/GracenoteGold)