

PREVIEW MEN'S EVENTS OTEPÄÄ – 11-12 Dec 2021

Jarl Magnus Riiber

- Jarl Magnus Riiber has won 39 individual World Cup events. Hannu Manninen (48) and Eric Frenzel (43) are the only Nordic combined skiers on more wins.
- Riiber finished first or second in each of the last 13 individual World Cup events in which he took part (10 wins, 3 times runner-up), following his disqualification in Ruka on 29 November 2020.
- Riiber claimed his first of 39 victories in Oslo on 6 February 2016. His 39 triumphs are as many as the next three Nordic combined skiers together since that day: Eric Frenzel (15), Akito Watabe (12) and Johannes Rydzek (12).
- Riiber triumphed in both previous individual World Cup events in Otepää, which were held on 5 and 6 January 2019.

Johannes Lamparter

- Johannes Lamparter finished second in three of the four individual events in this season's World Cup. He came eighth on the second day in Ruka (27 November).
- Lamparter could become the first Nordic combined skier to finish runner-up in three individual World Cup events since Jørgen Graabak had a run of three in February 2020.
- The all-time record for most consecutive places in individual events in the men's World Cup is four, set by Akito Watabe in 2013 and matched by the Japanese Nordic combined skier himself in 2016.
- Lamparter won the men's large hill/10km event at the 2021 world championships in Oberstdorf. He has yet to win his first individual World Cup event.
- Lamparter (20 years and 33 days on 11 December) can become the second youngest Austrian winner of an individual World Cup event, after Mario Stecher, who won seven events before turning 22.

Eric Frenzel

- Eric Frenzel has won 43 individual World Cup events, only trailing Hannu Manninen (48) for most. Frenzel's last victory in an individual World Cup event was in Trondheim on 13 March 2018.
- Since his victory in Trondheim back in 2018, Frenzel reached the podium in seven individual World Cup events: five second places and two third-place results.
- Frenzel (81) is second on the list of most podium finishes in individual World Cups, behind Manninen (90).
- Frenzel could 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 could become the first Nordic combined skier representing Germany (including East/West Germany) to win an individual World Cup event in at least eight different countries. He is tied on seven with Ronny Ackermann and Kircheisen.
- Frenzel already triumphed in Austria, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Norway. He did not compete in Estonia (Otepää) on the previous occasion in 2019.

Other contenders

- **Kristjan Ilves** came fourth on the second day of the Ruka Tour (27 November). Allar Levandi (2nd in Courchevel in 1992) and Ilves himself (2nd in Hakuba in 2018) are the only Nordic combined skiers to have ever recorded a podium place in an individual World Cup event while representing Estonia.
- **Jens Lurås Oftebro** eyes his second individual World Cup victory, after claiming the win in Ruka on 29 November 2020.
- **Mario Seidl** leads the Best Jumper Trophy standings this World Cup season. He is only 38th in the standings in the Best Skier Trophy.
- **Ilkka Herola** leads the Best Skier Trophy standings, but he is currently only in 28th place in the standings in the Best Jumper Trophy.
- **Akito Watabe** has won 19 individual World Cup events, equal most with Kenji Ogiwara among Japanese men. Watabe claimed a podium place in both World Cup events in Otepää (2nd and 3rd).
- Besides Johannes Lamparter, **Ryota Yamamoto** (9th, 10th, 6th, 9th) was the only other skier to finish top 10 in each of the opening four individual World Cup events this season.
- **Fabian Rießle (9)** needs one more win to claim his 10th individual World Cup victory. Four German skiers (including East/West Germany) reached double figures: Frenzel (43), Ronny Ackermann (28), Kircheisen and **Johannes Rydzek** (both 17).
- Rießle has not celebrated an individual World Cup triumph since taking the top spot on the podium in Klingenthal on 18 March 2018. He recorded 15 podium finishes since (4 times runner-up, 11 third places).
- **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.
- 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.
- Twice before, Germany recorded at least three podium sweeps in the World Cup in a single calendar year: in 2016 (3) and 2017 (3).

Otepää

- Otepää is part of the men's World Cup season for the second time, after hosting two individual World Cup events (both Gundersen normal hill / 10km) in January 2019. Those marked the first ever World Cup events in Estonia.
- Jarl Magnus Riiber won both events in Otepää back then. He finished ahead of Akito Watabe and Martin Fritz on 5 January 2019. Johannes Rydzek and Watabe completed the podium the next day.
- In 2019, Kristjan Ilves was the only representative of the host country. He came 35th on the first day and 28th on the second day.

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