

PREVIEW MEN'S EVENT VAL DI FIEMME – 8-9 Jan 2022

Jarl Magnus Riiber

- Jarl Magnus Riiber won each of the last six individual World Cup events this season. He can equal the record of seven successive wins, set by Hannu Manninen all in January 2006 (including two in Val di Fiemme).
- Riiber has equalled Eric Frenzel on 43 individual World Cup wins in Nordic combined. Only Manninen (48) is ahead of them.
- In all World Cup events (team and individual), Riiber has claimed 50 wins, third-most behind Frenzel (54) and Manninen (53).
- Riiber won 14 of the 18 individual World Cup events in 2021, the first of those were in Val di Fiemme (2 wins).
- Riiber won the first individual World Cup event in 2019, 2020 and in 2021.
- The last athlete to win the first individual World Cup event of the year and also win an individual gold medal at the Olympic Games in that year was Felix Gottwald in 2006.

Eric Frenzel

- Coming into the World Cup in Val die Fiemme, Eric Frenzel has started in 249 individual World Cup events.
- 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.
- Frenzel (82) is second on the list for most podium finishes in individual World Cups, behind Manninen (90).
- Frenzel has won 24 individual World Cup events in the month of January, a record for an athlete in a single month.

Vinzenz Geiger

- Vinzenz Geiger finished second behind Jarl Magnus Riiber in the two individual World Cup events in Ramsau last December.
- Geiger (2) was the only Nordic combined skier besides Riiber (14) on multiple individual World Cup wins in 2021.

Other contenders

- **Johannes Lamparter** is second in the World Cup standings, behind Riiber. The last Austrian to win an individual World Cup event was Bernhard Gruber in Schonach on 16 March 2019.
- **Terence Weber** is the only athlete other than Riiber to have won an individual World Cup event this season, in Ruka on 27 November.
- **Akito Watabe** (19) has equalled the Japanese record for most individual World Cup wins, by Kenji Ogiwara (19).
- **Fabian Rießle** (9) is one short of 10 individual World Cup victories. Four German skiers (including East/West Germany) have already reached

double figures: Eric Frenzel (43), Ronny Ackermann (28), Björn Kircheisen (17) and **Johannes Rydzek** (17).

- **Ilkka Herola** leads the Best Skier Trophy standings. He is ranked 21st in the Best Jumper rankings. The last Finnish Nordic combined skier to win an individual World Cup was Manninen in Lahti on 6 March 2010.
- Herola has claimed 10 podium finishes in individual World Cup events, but he has yet to celebrate his first win. Only Allar Levandi (11) and Georg Hettich (11) have claimed more World Cup podium finishes without winning.

Val di Fiemme

- Jarl Magnus Riiber and Hannu Manninen have each won a record three individual World Cup events in Val di Fiemme.
- Riiber won the last two individual World Cups in Val di Fiemme and he can equal Manninen's record of three successive wins here, set from 2003 to 2006.
- Germany and Norway have each won a record nine individual World Cup events in Val di Fiemme.

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