

## PREVIEW MEN'S EVENTS LAHTI – 26-27 February 2022

### Jørgen Graabak

- Jørgen Graabak won two gold medals and one silver at the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games. He became the first Nordic combined athlete to win at least four gold medals in the history of the Winter Games.
- Graabak has won seven individual World Cup events in Nordic combined. His win in the normal hill/12.5km event in Seefeld on 30 January of this year was his first individual World Cup triumph since his victory in Lahti on 10 February 2019 (large hill/10km).
- Graabak only claimed multiple individual World Cup wins in 2015/16 (2) and 2018/19 (2).

### Johannes Lamparter

- Johannes Lamparter is leading the overall World Cup standings this season. He finished outside the podium in the three events at Beijing 2022: fourth in the normal hill/10km, sixth in the large hill/10km and fourth in the team event.
- Lamparter's 10 podium finishes in individual World Cup events this season are the most of all Nordic combined athletes (9 by Jarl Magnus Riiber).
- Lamparter can equal Felix Gottwald's record of 11 individual World Cup podiums in a season for an Austrian skier. Gottwald achieved his 11 podium finishes in 2000/01 and again in 2001/02.

### Jarl Magnus Riiber

- At Beijing 2022, Jarl Magnus Riiber was forced to miss the normal hill/10km event due to coronavirus and isolation rules, took a wrong turn in the large hill/10km and then decided to skip the team event, in which Norway won gold.
- Riiber has won 44 individual World Cup events, second most all-time behind Hannu Manninen's 48 wins.
- Lahti (one second place) is one of two venues where Riiber has never won an individual World Cup event in which he started, alongside Chaux-Neuve (no podium finish).

### Other contenders

- **Vinzenz Geiger** won the normal hill/10km event at Beijing 2022 to claim his first individual Olympic gold medal.
- Geiger has won nine individual World Cup events, including two in January of this year.
- Geiger can become the fifth German Nordic combined athlete (including East/West Germany) to win at least 10 individual World Cups, after Eric Frenzel (43), Ronny Ackermann (28), Björn Kircheisen (17) and Johannes Rydzek (17).

- **Akito Watabe** (19) has equalled the Japanese record for most individual World Cup wins: 19 by Kenji Ogiwara.
- Watabe won the last two individual World Cup events in Lahti (2020, 2021), and also in 2015. Hannu Manninen (4) and Björn Kircheisen (4) are the only athletes to have won four individual World Cup events in Lahti.
- **Eric Frenzel** (G3-S2-B2) joined Felix Gottwald (G3-S1-B3) on a record seven Olympic medals in Nordic combined, by claiming silver in the team event at Beijing 2022.
- Frenzel is tied with Manninen on a record nine podium finishes in individual World Cup events in Lahti.

### Team Sprint

- This is the second team event in this season's World Cup after the team normal hill/4x5km relay in Lillehammer on 4 December: Norway won ahead of Germany (second) and Japan (third).
- Norway's Jørgen Graabak and Jarl Magnus Riiber won the last two team sprint events in Lahti, in 2020 and in 2021.
- Graabak has won three team sprint World Cup events in Lahti, equal most with Johannes Rydzek.

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