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NORWEGIAN OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE AND CONFEDERATION OF SPORTS



Head of state: H.M. King Harald V H.M. Queen Sonia

#### Prime Minister: Erna Solberg

Aros	(total	I١٠

Area (total):	
Norway	385.155 km <sup>2</sup>
- Svalbard	61.020 km <sup>2</sup>
- Jan Mayen	377 km <sup>2</sup>
Norway (not incl. Svalbard and Jan Mayen)	323.758 km <sup>2</sup>
Bouvet Island	49 km <sup>2</sup>
Peter Island	156 km <sup>2</sup>
Queen Maud Land	
Population (01.10.2013):	5.096.300
Main cities (01.10.13):	
Oslo	632.990
Bergen	271.067
Trondheim	181.513
Stavanger	130.426
Kristiansand	85.618
Fredrikstad	77.481
Sandnes	71.462
Tromsø	71.295
Drammen	65.995
Sarpsborg	54.049
Life expectancy:	
Men:	79,4 years
Women:	83,4 years
Length of common frontiers:	2.542 km
- Sweden	
- Finland	727 km
- Russia	196 km
- Shortest distance north/south	1.752 km
Length of the continental coastline	21.465 km
- Not incl. Fjords and bays	2.650 km
Greatest width of the country	430 km
Least width of the country	6,3 km
Largest lake: Mjøsa	362 km²
Longest river: Glomma	600 km
Highest waterfall: Skykkjedalsfossen	300 m
Highest mountain: Galdhøpiggen	2.469 m
Largest glacier: Jostedalsbreen	487 km²
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NOK (Krone), 21.01.2014: ......100 RUB = 18,28 NOK / 1 EUR = 8,37

On a mandate from the Norwegian Olympic Committee (NOK) and Confederation of Sports (NIF) has been given the operative responsibility for all top sports in the country. In close co-operations with the sports federations, the NOK instigates and co-ordinates several activities to facilitate the athletic development.

The initiative was taken after the Olympic Games in 1984, as a project on a trial basis. It was made permanent in 1988, and in 1990 the responsibility was formally given to the NOK. At the core of the Norwegian Top Sports Programme, stands the reliance of the athlete and his or her coach. All other activities are seen as a support of this. Another central issue is to learn from each other experiences across traditional barriers between the different sports. The cross training has proven beneficial to those who have tried it.

In preparation for the 2014 Olympics. coaches and officials of the Olympic Team have been going through a training programme. When the athletes are training, why should not the rest of the Olympic Team train as well? The purpose of this is to prepare the support organisation, and to familiarises the whole team with the aims and objectives of the NorwegianTop Sports Programme.

The Olympic Team is organised under the Chef de Mission. He exercises his authority through his Team Directors and administrative personnel for administrative matters. The health team and the team of press attachés are organised under the Chef de Mission.

Being a small country, it is easy for Norway to establish an Olympic Team where everybody knows each other. That helps create secure and supportive surroundings for those who are to perform in the Olympic competition.

Abbreviations OG: Olympic Games | WCh: World Championship ECh: European Championship | WC: World Cup

NCh: National Championship | WR: World Record



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# Together for a great team performance in Sochi

This guide is a presentation of all the athletes competing for Team Norway at the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games. It has an external function of being a useful tool for the media, an historical function as being part of our Olympic documentation, and an important internal function as being a unifying element for all of you representing Norway in Sochi. We have been busy building Team Norway since Vancouver.

As we prepare to head off to Russia we have already set a new record as the largest Norwegian team ever to compete at a Winter Olympic, with a total of 118 athletes. Most of you will compete in the world's most exciting and demanding competitions. A fantastic achievement in itself! Some of you are reserves, and have an important role in the team. You will support those who are competing, while at the same time being ready to compete vourselves at short notice. We also have many in important support functions. Roles that contribute to ensuring that the athletes are as wellprepared as possible for their events.

Many of the features of the Games will be familiar. Some things will be very different. Some of you have been preparing to compete across several sports, some of you with the sport in which you specialise. In order to function optimally it is essential to remain focused on the most important task of the day and not to be overwhelmed by the Olympic circus.

Each and every one of you travels to the Winter Olympic with your own dreams, expectations, high hopes of success and goals. Hold on to these dreams and never lose sight of your goals, and work resolutely with your teammates to achieve them.

Together, we have a common goal that we have been working towards for a long time. We believe we can win at least 26 medals and end up among the best three nations. I greatly believe we can achieve this. One condition is that we all do our best

We arrive in and depart Sochi at different times and will stay at various locations, so I advise you to use this guide to familiarise yourself with Sochi and the various arenas in advance.

And finally, to all media representatives from both Norway and the rest of the world, we look forward to working closely with you during the Games. We have a tradition of cooperating so that the needs of both athletes and reporters are taken care of in the best possible way.

Good luck in Sochi!

Jos Sul

**Tore Øvrebø**Top Sport Director and Chef de Mission



Rognlien, Børre
Born: 26.12.44 - Hurdal
Residence: Oslo
President NOC
President Norwegian Olympic
and Paralympic Committee and
Confederation of Sports



Andersen, Inge
Born: 22.05.64 - Bergen
Residence: Oslo
General Secretary NOC
General Secretary Norwegian Olympic
and Paralympic Committee and
Confederation of Sports



Heiberg, Gerhard Born: 24.03.39 - Oslo Residence: Oslo IOC Member President Lillehammer OOC (1989-1994) President Lillehammer POC (1989-1994)

#### FEDERATION PRESIDENTS



Bøygard, Tore Born: 24.08.52 - Ål in Hallindal Residence: Ål in Hallingdal Norwegian Biathlon Association



Søgård, Morten Born: 03.12.56 - Brumundal Residence: Bærum Norwegian Curling Association



Nilsen, Gerhard Born: 08.12.50 - Tønsberg Residence: Nøtterøy Norwegian Ice Hockey Association



Rolfsen, Harald Born: 03.05.69 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Norwegian Luge, Bobsleigh and Skeleton Association



Flatum, Cecilia Born: 14.04.75 - Rana Residence: Oslo Norwegian Snowboarding Federation



Gerhardsen, Rune Born: 13.06.46 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Norwegian Skaiting Federation



Røste, Erik Born: 30.04.60 - Gjøvik Residence: Gjøvik Norwegian Ski Federation

### NORWEGIAN OLYMPIC TEAM

ALPINE SKIING
BIATHLON
CROSS COUNTRY
CURLING
FIGURE SKATING
FREESTYLE
ICE HOCKEY
LUGE
NORDIC COMBINED
SKI JUMPING
SNOWBOARD
SPEED SKATING

# OLYMPIC TEAM NORWAY

#### **CHEF DE MISSION**

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Øvrebø, Tore
Born: 25.08.65 - Stavanger
Residence: Oslo
Chef de Mission

1st as Chef de Mission
6th OG as Team Official
Former rower. OG competitor 1988



Myrmæl, Marit Born: 20.01.54 - Trondheim Residence: Oslo Ass. Chef de Mission 12th OG as Team Official Athlete cross-country skiing Olympic Games 1976-1980-1984

#### **STAFF**



Bahr, Ingrid Born: 23.06.63 - Førde Residence: Oslo Adm. Personnel 4th OG as Team Official



Lium, Guro
Born: 04.12.74 - Oslo
Residence: Oslo
Adm. Personnel (Administration)
4th OG as Team Official



Århus, Kjetil Born: 28.12.70 - Bergen Residence: Bergen Adm. Personnel (IT and Transportation) 7<sup>th</sup> OG as Team Official



Ytterdal, Siw Bråten Born: 21.10.68 - Gjøvik Residence: Bærum Adm. Personnel 2<sup>nd</sup> OG as Team Official



Rapp-Ødegaard, Anita Born: 24.07.77 – Lillehammer Residence: Bærum Adm. Personnel 1st OG as Team Official

#### **COACHES**



Gjelsvik, Roger Born: 21.09.68 - Bergen Residence: Bergen Coach - Nordic Combined, Speed Skating 4th OG as Coach and Team Official Former athlete in the national team in race walk



Haugland, Hanne

Born: 14.12.67 - Oslo
Residence: Oslo
Coach - Ski Jumping
2<sup>nd</sup> OG as Coach and Team Official
Former athlete in the national team in high jumping - from 1983 - 2000. Gold in the World Championship in high jumping in 1997



Kaas, Dag Born: 06.06.47 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Coach - Biathlon Leader Endurance Village 7th OG as Coach for Cross-Country and Biathlon



Orskaug, Torbjørn Born: 18.07.66 - Oslo Residence: Hamar Coach - Curling, Ice Hockey 1st OG as Coach and Team Official



Aamodt, Finn
Born: 07.01.52 - Oslo
Residence: Oslo
Coach - Alpine Skiing, Freestyle, Luge,
Snowboard
6th OG as Coach and Team Official
Sports Manager Norwegian Olympic

#### SECURITY



Committee 1996 - 2004

Vik, Kjell Georg Born: 12.10.66 - Ullensaker Residence: Oslo Security 2<sup>nd</sup> OG as Team Official

#### ATTACHÉ



Fedin, Alexander Born: 13.01.83 - Krasnaya Polyana, RUS Residence: Krasnaya Polyana, RUS Attaché 1st OG as Attaché

#### **MEDICAL OFFICERS**



Bendiksen, Fredrik S. Born: 16.09.54 - Bjarkøy Residence: Hamar MD, Chief Medical Officer - Curling, Figure Skating, Speed Skating 3rd OG as MD, Medical Officer



Fosse, Ole Born: 08.10.63 - Bergen Residence: Lillehammer MD, Medical Officer - Ice Hockey 2<sup>nd</sup> OG as MD, Medical Officer



Moen, Ellen
Born: 17.10.76 - Bærum
Residence: Oslo
MD, Medical Officer - Alpine Skiing,
Freestyle, Luge, Ski Jumping,
Snowboard
2nd OG as MD, Medical Officer



Lunder, Dag Born: O6.08.56 - Lillehammer Residence: Gjøvik MD, Medical Officer - Cross-Country 1st OG as MD, Medical Officer



Kolsrud, Lars Born: 02.03.50 - Oslo Residence: Oslo MD, Medical Officer - Biathlon, Nordic Combined 7th OG as MD, Medical Officer



Sørensen, Petter Born: 31.10.80 - Bærum Residence: Lillehammer MD, Medical Officer - Biathlon, Nordic Combined 1st OG as MD, Medical Officer



Fossan, Bjørn Born: 19.05.53 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Chief Physiotherapist 11<sup>th</sup> OG as Physiotherapist



Borgersen, Lars Erik Born: 11.01.62 – Sarpsborg Residence: Oslo Physiotherapist – Ice Hockey I<sup>st</sup> OG as Physiotherapist





Hagen, Ragnar Born: 27.05.71 - Ål Residence: Oslo Physiotherapist - Biathlon 2nd OG as Physiotherapist



Iversen, Erik Born: 01.10.69 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Physiotherapist - Freestyle, Luge, Snowboard 2<sup>nd</sup> OG as Physiotherapist



Karppinen, Janne Born: 22.03.76 - Lahti, FIN Residence: Hollola - FIN Physiotherapist - Ski jumping, men



Killingmo, Aleksander Born: 19.04.80 - Oslo Residence: Aurskog - Høland Physiotherapist - Figure Skating, Speed Skating 1st OG as Physiotherapist



Reginiussen, Trond Arne Born: 04.11.57 - Hammerfest Residence: Alta Physiotherapist - Alpine Skiing 3rd OG as Physiotherapist



Stjernen, Maren Born: 09.09.83 - Levanger Residence: Oslo Physiotherapist - Alpine Skiing women 1st OG as Physiotherapist



Thun. Stein Vidar

Residence: Hamar

Born: 28.10.81 - Klæbu

1st OG as Physiotherapist

Physiotherapist - Nordic Combined

Hinteregger, Friedrich Born: 12.09.65 - Bruneck, ITA Residence: Pfalzen, ITA Masseur - Biathlon 2nd OG as Masseur



Røstad, Vibeke Born: 27.02.79 - Trondheim Residence: Oslo Physiotherapist - Cross-Country 4th OG as Physiotherapist



Longe, Tanja Born: 04.04.74 - Hamilton, Bermuda Residence: Oslo Massage Therapist - Ice Hockey 2nd OG as Masseur



Hansen, Torger

Residence: Oslo

Born: 17.06.50 - Oslo

Haugvad, Lars Born: 26.12.83 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Physiotherapist - Ski Jumping ladies 1st OG as Physiotherapist



Olsen, Roger Born: 19.10.69 - Oslo Residence: Nittedal Massage Therapist - Curling 1st OG as Team Official

#### NUTRITIONIST



Garthe, Ina Born: 21.03.73 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Sports Nutritionist 1st OG as Sports Nutritionist

#### SPORTS PSYCHOLOGIST



Abrahamsen, Frank Born: 18.12.73 - Tønsberg Residence: Oslo Sports Psychologist - Curling 4<sup>th</sup> OG as Sports Psychologist



Lemyre, Nicolas Born: 12.07.72 - Montreal, CAN Residence: Oslo Sports Psychologist - Biathlon, Cross-Country 2<sup>nd</sup> OG as Sports Psychologist



Tajet-Foxell, Britt Born: 17.02.48 - Stavanger Residence: London Sports Psychologist - Cross-Country, Nordic Combined 4th OG as Sports Psychologist

#### SPORTS PHYSIOLOGIST



Hem, Erlend Born: 08.05.60 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Sports Physiologist 7th OG as Team Official



Riise Midtun, Ingvild Born: 18.04.84 - Porsgrunn Residence: Oslo Sports Physiologist 1st OG as Team Official

#### CHEF



Johansen, Ståle Born: 09.06.72 - Elverum Residence: Lom Chef 4<sup>th</sup> OG as Team Official



Skogvoll, Trond Born: 26.07.68 - Narvik Residence: Mandal Chef 8<sup>th</sup> OG as Team Official

#### PRESS ATTACHÉS



Lea, Halvor
Born: 24.07.65 - Stavanger
Residence: Oslo
Chief Press Attaché
Biathlon
Bth OG as Press Attaché
Mobile in Sochi: +7 9250086015



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Born: 21.10.63 - Trondheim
Residence: Trondheim
Press Attaché
Cross-Country, Nordic Combined
9th OG as Press Attaché
Mobile in Sochi: +7 9250086017



Graff, Espen

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Born: 16.09.69 - Oppdal Residence: Oslo Press Attaché Alpine Skiing, Ski Jumping 1st OG as Press Attaché Mobile in Sochi: +7 9250086018



Biørnland, Lars Otto **Born:** 14.11.54 - Sarpsborg Residence: Sarpsborg Press Attaché Curling, Figure Skating, Ice Hockey, Speed Skating 10th OG as Press Attaché Mobile in Sochi: +7 9250086016



Askeland, Ole J. Born: 24.10.66 - Stavanger Residence: Stavanger Press Attaché Freestyle, Luge, Snowboard 1st OG as Press Attaché Mobile in Sochi: +7 9250086019





Breitschädel, Felix Born: 29.11.79 - Salzburg, AUT Residence: Trondheim Ski Technician 2<sup>nd</sup> OG as Team Official



Fardal, Terie Born: 30.11.65 - Sogndal Residence: Spydeberg Ski Technician 1st OG as Team Official



Stuveseth, Olav Born: 09.04.61 - Oslo Residence: Hokksund Ski Technician 6th OG as Team Official



Trondsen, Krister Born: 12.02.78 - Røros Residence: Røros Ski Technician 1st OG as Team Official



Skorstad, Håvard **Born:** 12.02.73 - Ringerike Residence: Oslo Ski Technician 2<sup>nd</sup> OG as Team Official



## Norwegian "Vikings" aiming for GOLD

Aksel Lund Svindal is one of the hottest candidates to win an Olympic gold medal in Sochi. When he became the world champion in downhill in Schladming. Austria last season, he was the first male skier in history to win a gold medal in four World Championships in a row. Svindal, 31, is continuing the legacy of Kietil André Aamodt and Lasse Kjus in an impressive way.

ALPINE SKIING

Aksel Lund Svindal has in total won six gold, two silver and three bronze medals at the World Championships and Olympic Games. He is the reigning Olympic champion in the Super G discipline, and he also won silver in downhill and bronze in giant slalom in Vancouver, Expectations are of course high for Aksel Lund Svindal in Sochi. He has started this current season with great results and in December became the Norwegian skier with the most World Cup wins.

Here are also high expectations for Kietil Jansrud, who is back on track from a serious knee injury at the World Championships in Schladming last season. 28- year-old Jansrud, who impressed with a silver medal in the

giant slalom in Vancouver 2010, has worked hard to fight himself back for a place at the podium.

Norwegian alpine skiing is experiencing great success and has more athletes in the Olympics than for many years. In addition to Aksel Lund Svindal and Kietil Jansrud there are several young skiers with the potential of competing at the top level. One of them is Henrik Kristoffersen, who has been in the top three in the slalom World Cup this season.

It is also very satisfying that the Norwegian alpine women are showing progress. Several of them have proven that they can ski very fast making the top ten in all disciplines.

More info: www.skiforbundet.no



Ryste, Claus Johan Born: 19.01.74 - Oslo Residence: Lommedalen Team leader/Sport Director 1st OG



Tjørhom, Håvard Born: 29.05.80 - Flekkefjord Residence: Oslo Head coach - Men 2<sup>nd</sup> OG



Hestdalen, Anders Born: 14.03.84 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Coach - Men 1st OG



Mitter. Christian Born: 01.12.79 - Schladming, AUT Residence: Ramsau am Dachstein. AUT Coach - Men 1st OG



Moger, Tron Born: 07.03.78 - Hønefoss Residence: Oslo Coach - Men 2<sup>nd</sup> OG



Reid, Robert Born: 06.01.71 - Houston, USA Residence: Biri **Performance Analysis** 4th OG





Abplanalp, Stefan Born: 24.12.73 - Interlaken, SUI Residence: Thun, SUI Head Coach - Women 3rd OG



Østengen, Eivind Born: 25.04.83 – Drammen Residence: Hokksund Assistant Coach - Women 1st OG



Fetz, Bernt Born: 16.06.86 - Bregenz, AUT Residence: Egg, AUT Ski Service - Men 1st OG



Waleniussen, Anders Born: 05.05.87 - Narvik Residence: Svalbard Coach 1st OG



Svandal, Inger Born: 06.12.86 - Haugesund Residence: Åre, SWE Coach - Women 1st OG



Berthold, Stefan Born: 02.04.71 - Bludenz, AUT Residence: Stuttgart, GER Ski Service 1st OG



Haffey, Thomas Aaron Born: 14.01.79 - Anaconda, USA Residence: Anaconda, USA Ski Service/Coach 1st OG



Haugen, Per Born: 13.01.61 – Høyanger Residence: Oslo Performance Analysis 1st OG



Kornberger, Stefan Born: 22.09.86 - Schladming, AUT Residence: Pichl-Reiteralm, AUT Assistant Coach - Women 1st OG



Blesik, Othmar Born: 31.08.83 - Rottenmann, AUT Residence: Oppenberg, AUT Racing Service 1st OG



Schjetne, Tor Setsaas Born: 13.03.79 - Trondheim Residence: Trondheim Ski Service - Women 1st OG





Svindal, Aksel Lund

Club: Nero

Born: 26.12.1982 - Lørenskog Residence: Innsbruck, AUT

Height: 190 cm Occupation: Athlete

Hobbies: Windsurfing, SUPing, classic

cars

Favourite music: All kinds Favourite film: Pulp fiction Favourite food: Any fresh food

Greatest sport moment: Overall World Cup wins and 2010 Olympics

Sports idol: Kietil André Aamodt Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

and German

Comments: His 3rd OG! Previous results:

OG 06: 21/DH, 5/SG, 6/GS, OG 10: 1/SG,

2/DH 3/GS

WCh 03: 22/DH. 5/GS. WCh 05: 7/DH. 7/SG, 6/GS, 12/SL, 2/C, WCh 07: 13/SG, 5/SC. 1/DH. 1/GS. WCh 09: 3/SG. 11/DH. 1/SC, 9/GS, WCh 11: 1/SC, 4/GS, 5/DH,

WCh 13: 1/DH, 3/SG, 4/GS

Other: World Cup overall winner 2007 and 2009, six World Cup victories, 21

times Norwegian Champion



Haugen, Leif Kristian Club: Lommedalen IL Born: 291187 - Bærum Residence: Lommedalen

Height: 185 cm

Civil Status: In a relationship Occupation: Alpine skier Hobby: White water kayaking Favourite music: Pearl Jam Favourite film: The Intouchables Favourite book genre: Entrepreneurial

Favourite food: Burritos

Greatest sport moment: Lasse Kius -

Vail 1999

Sports idol: Ole Gunnar Solskiær Languages spoken: Norwegian, English and German

Comments: His 2<sup>nd</sup> OG! Previous results: **OG 10:** 28/GS

WCh 11: 16/GS. WCh 13: 23/SL. 24/GS



Kilde. Aleksander Aamodt Club: Lommedalen IL Born: 21.09.92 - Bærum

Residence: Jar Height: 181 cm

Civil Status: In a relationship Occupation: Alpine skier

Hobbies: Soccer, water skiing Favourite music: House Favourite film: Chasing Mawricks Favourite book genre: "Jenta som

lekte med ilden" Favourite food: Taco

Greatest sport moment: Aksel Lund Svindal becoming World Champion in

Schladming 2013

Sports idol: Aksel Lund Svindal Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

and German Comments: His 1st OG!

Previous results: irWCh 11: 33/SG. 41/DH. irWCh 12: 4/ SG. 9/GS. 11/DH. irWCh 13: 1/GS. 4/DH.

Other: Europa Cup overall winner 2013



Jansrud, Kietil

Club: Peer Gvnt Alpinklubb Born: 28.08.85 - Stavanger Residence: Oslo

Height: 183 cm

Civil Status: Far from single Occupation: Alpine skier

Hobbies: Drinking coffee and playing

Dota2

Favourite music: Eddie Vedder Favourite film: The sixth sense Favourite book genre: Fantasy Favourite food: Taco (the European

wav)

Greatest sport moment: Liverpool Champions League victory 2005 Sports idol: Lasse Kjus

Languages spoken: Norwegian, Swedish, Danish, English and German

Comments: His 3rd OG! Previous results:

OG 06: 10/C. OG 10: 2/GS. 9/SC. 12/SG. 17/SL. 31/DH

WCh 09: 9/SC, WCh 11: 5/GS, 10/SC Other: One World Cup victory, overall winner Europa Cup 2005, three times Norwegian Champion (GS 2010 and 2011. SG 2011)



Kristoffersen, Henrik Club: Rælingen Skiklubb Born: 02.07.94 - Lørenskog Residence: Løvenstad Height: 179 cm

Civil Status: Single Occupation: Alpine Skier **Hobby:** Motocross Favourite music: Rock Favourite book genre: Crime Favourite food: Meat

Greatest sport moment: Kietil Andre Aamodt winning SG gold in Turin OG 2006

Sports idol: Kietil Andre Aamodt

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English and German

Comments: His 1st OG! Previous results: WCh 13: 20/GS

jrWCh 12: 1/GS, 2/SL, 2/C, 6/SG, 18/ DH. irWCh 13: 1/C. 4/GS. 5/SL. 16/DH.

49/SG

Other: Gold medal SL and GS at the EYOF 2011 in Liberec, two victories in the Europa Cup, Norwegian Champion

SI 2013





Solevaag, Sebastian Foss Club: Spielkavik IL Born: 13 07 91 - Alesund Residence: Alesund Height: 182 cm Civil Status: Single Occupation: Student Hobbies: Tennis, gold, sports Favourite music: House Favourite film: The Dark Knight Favourite book genre: Crime Favourite food: Shellfish

Greatest sport moment: Kietil Andre Aamodt winning SG gold in Turin OG

Sports idol: Rafael Nadal

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

and German

Comments: His 1st OG!

Previous results:

irWCh 10: 47/DH. 52/SG. irWCh 11: 47/

DH. 47/SG

Other: One top 10 World Cup placement.

Norwegian Champion SL 2013

#### WOMEN



Mowinckel, Ragnhild Club: Sportsklubben Rival Born: 12 09 92 - Molde Residence: Molde Height: 168 cm Civil Status: Single Occupation: Alpine skier

Hobbies: Movies, series and friends

Favourite music: Bastille Favourite film: Forrest Gump Favourite book genre: Fantasy.

romance, adventure Favourite food: Mexican

Greatest sport moment: Kietil Andre Aamodt winning SG gold in Turin OG 2006

Sports idol: Kjetil Andre Aamodt Languages spoken: Norwegian and

English

Comments: Her 1st OG! Previous results:

WCh 13: 17/SC, 21/GS, 27/DH

irWCh 10: 5/C. 9/GS. 13/DH. 26/SL. 35/ SG, jrWCh 11: 19/DH, jrWCh 12: 1/GS, 1/C, 3/SG, 4/SL, jrWCh 13: 1/C, 2/GS, 5/

SG. 10/SL. 14/DH

Other: One victory in the Europa Cup, three times Norwegian Champion (SL

and GS 2012, SC 2013)



Løseth. Mona Club: Spielkavik IL Born: 11 04 91 - Alesund Residence: Ålesund Height: 172.5 cm

Civil Status: In a relationship Occupation: Alpine skier

Hobby: Sports

Favourite music: Bastille, Ellie Goulding

Favourite book genre: Roman

Favourite food: Seafood

Greatest sport moment: My first WCpoints in Garmisch

Languages spoken: Norwegian and Fnalish

Comments: Her 2<sup>nd</sup> OG!

Previous results: **OG 10:** 13/SC, 21/SG, 25/GS

jrWCh 07: 46/GS, jrWCh 08: 22/SL, 37/ GS. 62/SG. irWCh 09: 4/SL. 4/GS. 26/ SG, jrWCh 10: 1/GS, 1/C, 2/SL, 9/SG, 15/

DH, jrWCh 11: 16/SG

Other: Four victories in the Europa Cup. five times Norwegian Champion (SL 2009 and 2013, SG 2010, GS 2010 and 2013)



Løseth. Nina Club: Spielkavik IL Born: 27 02 89 - Ålesund Residence: Oslo Height: 169 cm

Civil Status: In a relationship Occupation: Alpine skier Hobbies: Friends, cooking

Favourite music: Guvs with guitars Favourite film: Shawshank redemption

Favourite book genre: Novels Favourite food: Seafood

Greatest sport moment: 4th place in

Zagreb after being injured for three

Sports idol: The Williams sisters

Languages spoken: Norwegian and English

Comments: Her 1st OG! Previous results:

WCh 07: 10/SL. 30/GS. WCh 13: 35/GS jrWCh 05: 58/GS, jrWCh 06: 3/SL, 19/ GS. 51/SG. irWCh 07: 10/GS. irWCh 09:

3/SL, 14/GS, 23/SG

Other: Six top 10 World Cup placements. Norwegian Champion SL 2007





Sejersted, Lotte Smiseth

Club: Stabæk IF

Born: 05.03.91 - Bærum Residence: Bærum

Height: 169 cm Civil Status: Single Occupation: Alpine skier

**Hobbies:** Sports, photography **Favourite music:** Bon Iver, Dire Straits

Favourite film: The Gladiator
Favourite book genre: Drama
Favourite food: Taco, sushi

**Greatest sport moment:** Kjetil Andre Aamodt winning SG gold in Turin OG

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Languages spoken: Norwegian and

Enalish

Comments: Her 1st OG! Previous results:

WCh 11: 10/SC, WCh 13: 13/SG, 21/DH,

30/GS

Cup 2010

jrWCh 07: 16/SG, 38/DH, jrWCh 08: 29/DH, 33/SG, 35/SL, jrWCh 09: 2/DH, 13/SG, 19/SL, jrWCh 10: 2/C, 3/DH, 5/GS, 6/SL, jrWCh 11: 1/DH, 5/SG, 8/SL Other: One victory in the Europa Cup, 15 times Norwegian Champion, overall victory in the Australia New Zealand

LAURA CROSS COUNTRY SKI AND BIATHLON CENTER / Olympic Capacity — 7,500
The capacity is 7,500 in each of two stadiums Laura Cross Country Ski and Biathlon Center consists of two separate stadiums, each with their own start and finish areas, two separate course systems for cross-country skiing and biathlon, and a combined total course length of 15 kilometers. The ridged circuit of the ski course drops 80 meters relative to the stadium, and the difference in height between the lower and upper sections is 85 meters. (SOCHI 2014)

#### Bjørndalen and Berger's Olympic farewell

Norway will compete with a wide range of great athletes in Sochi. On the men's side, the most successful biathlete, 40-vear-old Ole Einar Biørndalen will compete in his sixth Olympic Games, while Johannes Thingnes Bø (20) will make his debut. Thingnes Bø made his international breakthrough when winning two World Cup victories iust before Christmas. In addition we also have the 2013 four time World Champion Emil Hegle Svendsen plus Johannes Thingnes Bø's older brother Tariei Bø. Ole Einar Biørndalen will retire after the Sochi games, and he is a candidate for the IOC Athletes' Commission.

On the women's side there are high expectations for Tora Berger to win another Olympic medal in Sochi. In Vancouver 2010 she won Norways 100th gold medal in Olympic Winter Games. Tora is last season's overall World Cup champion and she was the "queen" of the World Championships with four gold and two silver medals. The Sochi Olympics will be her last as she will also retire after the season. Tora's performance in the World Cup has not been as strong as last year, but

in Oberhof she took the season's first victory. There are also expectations for the other women on the biathlon team. Ann Kristin Aafedt Flatland, Tiril Eckhoff and Synnøve Solemdal also have podium appearances in this season's World Cup.

Norway has in total won 10 individual Olympic gold medals over the years; Magnar Solberg (1968 and 1972), Eirik Kvalfoss (1984), Halvard Hanevold (1998), Ole Einar Bjørndalen (one in 1998 and three in 2002), Emil Hegle Svendsen (2010) and Tora Berger (2010). In the relay Norway has won two gold medals for men; in 2002 (Egil Gjelland, Frode Andresen, Halvard Hanevold and Ole Einar Bjørndalen) and in 2010 (Halvard Hanevold, Tarjei Bø, Emil Hegle Svendsen and Ole Einar Bjørndalen).

The Norwegian Biathlon Association has about 10,000 members, nearly 180 clubs and 130 venues for biathlon in Norway.

More info: www.skiskyting.no





Botnan, Per Arne Born: 19.09.69 - Oppdal Residence: Oslo Sports Director 2nd OG as Sports Director



Nordby Andersen, Espen Born: 02.03.78 - Larvik Residence: Geilo Head Coach Men 1st OG as Coach Former biathlete on national level



Steinslett, Geir Ole Born: 28.04.80 – Vefsn Residence: Vestre Gausdal Coach Women 2<sup>nd</sup> OG as Coach



Søderberg, Thomas Born: 10.10.73 – Kristinehavn, SWE Residence: GER Technical Personell/Waxing 4th OG



Idland, Arne
Born: 16.05.69 - Stavanger
Residence: Figgjo, Sandnes
Coach
3rd OG
1994-1996 National Coach Great Britain,
1996-2002 Coach National B-team
Norway, 2002-2006 Manager National
A-team Norway, 2011-2014 Coach
National Biathlon Team



Grubben, Roger Born: 05.07.69 - Hattfjelldal Residence: Sinnes, Sirdal Coach Men 4<sup>th</sup> OG as Coach



Ravald, Ola Born: 11.03.69 - Västerås, SWE Residence: Ås, SWE Coach Biathlon OG 1998 Waxer Team Sweden, OG 2002 and 2006 Head Coach sprint cross-country Team Sweden, Coach Biathlon Team Norway 2010



Cantoni, Nicola Born: 03.05.76 - Bormio, ITA Residence: ITA Technical Personell/Waxing



Gjelland, Egil Born: 12.11.73 - Voss Residence: Eikelandsosen Head coach - Women 1st OG as Coach Former athlete, winning gold in relay in OG 2002 and silver in OG 1998



Svendsen, Morten Hegle Born: 12.03.83 - Trondheim Residence: Trondheim Technical Personell/Waxing



Svaland, Jon Kristian Born: 21.09.79 - Kristiansand Residence: Lillehammer Technical Personell/Waxing





Røiseland, Reidar Born: 26.07.65 - Flekkefjord Residence: Kvinesdal Technical Personell/Waxing



Mikkelsplass, Eilef Kristen Born: 07.10.58 - Nesbyen Residence: Bromma Technical Personell/Waxing

#### MEN



Berger, Lars Nickname: "Der Elch" Club: Dombås IL/Byåsen IL Born: 01.05.79 – Levanger Residence: Lesja Height: 189 cm

Civil status: Unmarried

Occupation: Biathlete

Hobbies: Cycling, mountain hiking, backcountry skiing, books and DVDs Favourite film: The Godfather Favourite book genre: Action

**Favourite food:** Meat balls with brown sauce and potatoes

Sport Idol: Egil Gjelland

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English,

German

Previous results:

OG: 10: Biathlon: Spr/46, Pur/23, Cross-

country: 4x10km/2

WCh Biathlon: 04: Spr/14, Pur/11, Ind/24, Mass/2, Rel/2, O5: Spr/44, Pur/32, O7: Spr/14, Pur/11, Ind/49, Mas/17, Rel/2 09: Spr/2, Pur/5, Ind/34, Mas/29, Rel/1, II: Spr/14, Pur/19, Ind/65, Mass/14, 12: Spr/32, Pur/40

**WCh Cross-Country:** 05: 15 km f/4, 4x10km/1, Wch 07: 15 km f/1, 4x10km/1 **Other:** Egebergs Ærespris 2007



Bjørndalen, Ole Einar Nickname: "Klumpi" Club: Simostranda IL Born: 27.01.74 - Drammen Residence: Obertilliach, AUT Height: 180 cm

Occupation: Biathlete
Hobbies: Car-driving, bicycling,
Favorite music: Dire Straits
Favourite film: Prison Break

Favourite food: Sushi

Greatest sport moment: Gold medal in

Nagano Olympics **Sport Idol:** Bjørn Dæhlie

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English,

German

**Previous results:** 

**OG:** 94: Ind/36, Spr/28, Rel/7, 98: Ind/7, Spr/1, Rel/2, 02: Ind/1, Spr/1, Pur/1, Rel/1, Xc: 3OK/5, O6: Ind/2, Spr/12, Pur/2, Rel/5, Mas/3, 10: Spr/17, Pur/7, Ind/2, Mass/27, Rel/1

Ind/2, Mass/27, Rel/1 WCh: 95: Ind/12. Spr/4. Rel/5. 96: Ind/19, Spr/6, Rel/4, Tm/4, 97: Ind/6, Spr/9. Pur/3. Rel/2. Tm/4. 98: Pur/2. Tm/1, 99: Ind/4, Spr/19, Pur/5, Mas/3, Rel/3, 00: Ind/20, Spr/5, Pur/4, Mas/3, Rel/3, 01: Ind/10, Spr/19, Pur/4, Mas/2, Rel/3, 02: Mas/7, 03: Ind/30, Spr/1, Pur/8, Mas/1, Rel/4, 04; Ind/3, Spr/3, Pur/3, Mas/7, Rel/2, 05; Ind/6, Spr/1, Pur/1, Mas/1, Rel/1, 07; Spr/1, Pur/1, Ind/32. Rel/2. Mas/4. 08: Spr/3. Pur/1. Ind/2. Mas/2. Rel/2. 09: Spr/1. Pur/1. Ind/1, Mas/4, Rel/1, 11; Spr/22, Pur/24, Ind/6. Mass/6. Rel/1. 12: Spr/21. Pur/27. Ind/47, Mas/8, Rel/1, 13: Spr/4, Pur/10, Ind/25 Mass/24 Rel/1

**World Cup overall winner:** 97/98, 02/03, 04/05, 05/06, 07/08, 08/09



Bø, Tarjei
Club: Markane IL
Børn: 29.07.88 - Stryn
Residence: Oslo
Height: 186 cm
Civil Status: Girlfriend
Occupation: Biathlete
Hobbies: Cycling, climbing
Favourite music: Party music
Favourite book genre: Crime
Favourite food: Taco and pizza

**Greatest sport moment:** Winning the tallow jersey

**Sports idol:** Tore Bjonviken **Languages spoken:** Norwegian, English,

German



OG: 10: Ind/21, Rel/1

**WCh:** 11: Spr/3, Pur/3, Ind/1, Mass/4, Rel/1, 12: Spr/17, Pur/7, Ind/18, Mass/17, Rel/1, 13: Spr/18, Pur/17, Ind/12, Mass/1,

Rel/1

World Cup overall winner: 10/11 Other: 1 gold-, 3 silver- and 2 bronze

medals in WCh jr.



Svendsen, Emil Hegle Club: Trondheims SSK Born: 12.07.85 - Trondheim

Residence: Oslo Height: 185 cm Civil Status: Single Occupation: Biathlete

Hobbies: Data, music, friends Favourite film: Gladiator Favourite book genre: Crime

Favourite food: Italian

**Greatest sport moment:** Olympics 2010 **Sports idol:** Johannes Thingnes Bø **Languages spoken:** Norwegian, English,

German
Previous results:

OG: 06: Mass/6, 10: Spr/2, Pur/8, Ind/1,

Mass/13, Rel/1

**WCh:** 07: Spr/7, Pur/5, 08: Spr/12, Pur/12, Ind/1, Mas/1, Rel/2, 09: Mas/12, Rel/1, 11: Spr/5, Pur/2, Ind/8, Mass/18, Rel/1, 13: Spr/1, Pur/1, Mass/3, Rel/1 **World Cup overall winner:** 09/10





Bø. Johannes Thingnes Club: Markane IL Born: 16 05 93 - Strvn Residence: Lillehammer

Height: 187 cm

Civil Status: In a relationship Occupation: Biathlete Hobbies: Party, girls

Favorite music: RnB. party-music

Favourite film: Project X Favourite food: Kebab (at night) **Greatest sport moment: Winning** 

5 golds in WCh ir.

Sports idol: Emil Hegle Svendsen Languages spoken: Norwegian, English Other: Winning sprint in EYOF with 4

penalties



Christiansen, Vetle Siåstad Club: Geilo II Born: 12.05.92 - Ringerike Residence: Lillehammer Height: 190 cm Civil Status: Girlfriend Occupation: Biathlete Hobby: Biathlon

Favourite music: Spotify Favourite food: Pesto Greatest sport moment: Winning gold

WCh jr relay Kontiolahti 2012 Sports idol: Julie Vollum Bø

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English





Berger, Tora Club: Dombås II Born: 18.03.81 - Ringerike Residence: Meråker Height: 165 cm

Civil Status: Married Occupation: Biathlete

Hobbies: My dog ("Tarzan"), knitting,

hunting, fishing

Favorite music: Bon Jovi Favourite film: Flåklypa

Favorite book genre: Crime (Dan Brown, Unni Lindell, Jo Nesbø, Liza

Marklund, Stieg Larsson)

Favourite food: Pizza and Norwegian

waffles

Sport idol: Liv Grete Skielbreid

Greatest sport moment: Winning the 15 km/individual in Vancouver 2010

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

**Previous results:** 

OG: 06: Ind/13. Spr/23. Pur/18. Rel/5. Mas/25, 10: Spr/33, Pur/5, Ind/1, Mass/18, Rel/4

WCh: 05: Ind/21, Spr/11, Pur/19, Mas/13, Rel/5, Mixrel/10, 07: Spr/10, Pur/19, Ind/4. Mas/25. Rel/3. 08: Spr/4. Pur/4. Ind/4, Mas/2, Rel/6, 09: Spr/19, Pur/9, Ind/3, Mas/15, Rel/11, 11: Spr/7, Pu/5, Ind/10, Mass/3, Rel/5, 12: Spr/6, Pur/4, Ind/1, Mass/1, Rel/3, 13: Spr/2, Pur/1, Ind/1. Mass/2. Rel/1

World Cup overall winner: 12/13



Eckhoff, Tiril Club: Fossum IF Born: 21.05.90 - Bærum Residence: Trondheim Height: 163 cm

Civil Status: In a relationship

Occupation: Student/Civil engineering Hobbies: Telemark, talking, knitting,

sewina

Favorite music: Anund Lid Byggland Favorite film: Supervention

Favorite book genre: Crime Favourite food: Sushi

Greatest sport moment: Barnas

Holmenkollrenn (Childrens skiing day at

Holmenkollen)

Sport idol: Aksel Lund Svindal, Nikita

Kriokov

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English Previous results:

Gold medal ECh 2010. 1 individual

national championship







Flatland, Ann Kristin Aafedt Club: Vik II Born: 06 11 82 - Oslo

Residence: Algård Height: 173 cm Civil Status: Married Occupation: Biathlete

Hobbies: Hunting, wildlife, knitting Favourite music: Melissa Horn

Favorite film: Ni liv

Favorite book genre: Jo Nesbø/crime

Favourite food: Pizza Sport idol: Tora Berger

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

Previous results:

OG: 10: Spr/10, Pur/8, Ind/14, Mass/11,

Rel/4

WCh: 05: Spr/22. Pur/37. 07: Spr/5. Pur/24, Ind/48, Mas/18, Rel/3, 08: Spr/51, Pur/48, Ind/12, Mas/28, Rel/6, 09: Spr/33, Pur/30, Ind/51, Rel/11, 11: Spr/34, Ind/82, Rel/5, 13: Spr/8, Pur/7, Ind/44. Mass/24. Rel/1



Ringen, Elise

Club: Meråker skiskytterklubb Born: 211189 - Meråker Residence: Meråker Height: 169 cm Civil Status: Single Occupation: Biathlete

Hobbies: Knitting, mountain hiking, reading and surfing on the web Favorite music: Music from Trøndelag: "Trønderrock". DDE. Åge

Aleksandersen, hit tunes from the

eighties

Favorite film: Titanic, Ice Age Favorite book genre: Novels Favourite food: Wheat buns with traditional Norwegian brown cheese Greatest sport moment: 3rd place relay

WCh Ruhpolding 2012

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English Previous results: WCh: 12: Rel/3 Other: WCh jr: 08: Spr/2, Pur/3, Rel/2,

ECh jr: 08: Ind/1

Career best World Cup: Hochfilzen 12:

Spr/10



Solemdal, Synnøve Club: Tingvoll IL

Born: 15 05 89 - Tingvoll Residence: Lillehammer

Height: 175 cm Civil Status: Single Occupation: Biathlete Hobby: Talking

Favourite music: Pink Favourite film: Lion King Favourite book genre: Novels

Favourite food: Pizza

Greatest sport moment: Winning gold medal in relay Nove Mesto 2013

Sports idol: Edvald B. Hagen Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

Previous results:

WCh: 11: Spr/43. Pur/Lap. Ind/63. 12: Spr/32, Pur/24, Ind/39, Mass/18, Rel/3, 13: Spr/19. Pur/19. Ind/53. Mass/16. Rel/1



Horn, Fanny Welle-Strand

Club: Oslo SSL Born: 08 03 88 - Oslo

Residence: Lillehammer Height: 174 cm

Civil Status: In a relationship

Occupation: Biathlete and ex-student

Hobbies: Hunting and fishing, knitting,

cooking, house cleaning

Favourite film: Homeland (TV-series) Favourite food: Self hunted food with

baked potatoes and salad Sports idol: Ole Einar Bjørndalen

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English.

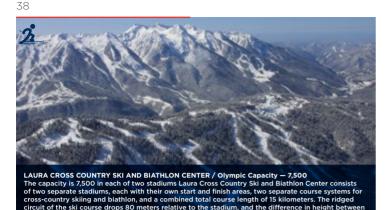
German

Previous results:

WCh: 11: Spr/24. Pur/31. Ind/29. Mass/29, Rel/5, 12: Ind/33, Rel/3, 13:

Spr/35, Pur/37, Ind/54





#### **Several Norwegian Candidates for Olympic Medals**

Norway has a very good starting point for Olympic medals having both the women's and the men's reigning champions of the Tour de Ski in place with Therese Johaug and Martin Johnsrud Sundby. Both have devoted extensive training volumes through the previous season and are heading for individual Gold medals in Sochi.

the lower and upper sections is 85 meters. (SOCHI 2014)

In addition Marit Bjørgen, the world's most successful female skier, is fully prepared for more Olympic achievements after she unfortunately had to cancel the Tour de Ski this season. Marit aims to compete in all six Olympic races and she is able to win a medal in each one of them.

Petter Northug's form is on the rise and his focus on hitting his top form during the Games in Sochi are on schedule with deliberate preparation and continuously improved results this season.

It will also be interesting to see how our Olympic rookies Ingvild Flugstad Østberg and Heidi Weng - as well as experienced Astrid Uhrenholdt Jacobsen - will do in the women's competitions after their great recent achievements and results with leaderand sprint jerseys as well as many podium finishes in the Tour de Ski.

On the men's side Norway has many athletes ready to compete for Olympic medals. Sprinter Eirik Brandsdal and allrounder Finn Hågen Krogh are having a rising degree of fitness and many good results. Chris Jespersen is another exciting Norwegian who took second place overall in the Tour de Ski.

The Norwegian Ski Federation's objective is to be the "World's best cross-country skiing nation for women and men". The goal for the Olympics in Sochi is to have athletes competing for medals in all distances. The Norwegian cross-country squad has pre-camped for the Olympics in Seiser Alm, Italy before the last WC race in Toblach the weekend before the Games start. The team is well prepared and ready to fight for medals for both women and men of all exercises in Sochi.

More info: www.skiforbundet.no



Løfshus, Vidar Born: 22.02.70 - Løkken Verk Residence: Vestby Team leader 2nd OG as Team Leader 10G as Coach



Monsen, Arild Born: 05.04.62 - Molde Residence: Molde Head Coach Men Sprint 3rd OG as Coach



Nystad, Trond Born: 09.06.70 - Drammen Residence: Ramsau am Dachstein, AUT Head Coach Men 3<sup>rd</sup> OG as Coach



Hjelmeset, Roar Born: 28.06.77 - Norfjordeid Residence: Lillehammer Coach Women 1st OG as Coach



Kristiansen, Egil Born: 18.01.66 - Lillehammer Residence: Vinstra Head Coach Women 3<sup>rd</sup> OG as Coach Athlete in OG 1994 - 8th place 30 km F



Aune, Ulf Morten Born: 21.09.61 - Tromsø Residence: Stockholm, SWE Coach 6<sup>th</sup> OG as Coach





Mundal, Steinar Born: 26.09.50 - Sogn Residence: Drammen Coach 3rd OG as Coach



Olsson, Perry Born: 29.12.55 - Söderala, SWE Residence: Bruksvallarna, SWE Waxing Personnel 6th OG as Waxing Personnel



Pedersen, Roy Born: 08.12.62 - Ringerike Residence: Hønefoss Waxing Personnel 2nd OG as Waxing Personnel



Snesrud, Stein Olav Born: 29.10.82 - Furnes Residence: Furnes Waxing Personnel 1st OG as Waxing Personnel



Sandvig, Bjørnar Born: 11.10.67 - Oslo Residence: Bærum Team Coordinator 1st OG as Team Coordinator



Selbæk, Kai Born: 17.10.56 - Orkdal Residence: Jerpstad Waxing Personnel 2<sup>nd</sup> OG as Waxing Personnel



Høgnes, Lars Born: 12.12.80 - Ringerike Residence: Jevnaker Waxing Personnel 1st OG as Waxing Personnel



Bjørnstad, Per Erik Born: 10.04.71 - Trondheim Residence: Alta Waxing Personnel 1st OG as Waxing Personnel



Nystad, Knut Born: 09.06.70 - Drammen Residence: Slattum Head of Service Team 3<sup>rd</sup> OG as Waxing Personnel



Hansen, Ronnie Frydenlund Born: 24.08.77 - Gjøvik Residence: Hunndalen Waxing Personnel 2<sup>nd</sup> OG as Waxing Personnel



Haugland, Snorre Born: 29.09.73 - Oppdal Residence: Oppdal Waxing Personnel 1st OG as Waxing Personnel



Tyldum, Iver Born: 04.05.88 - Namsos Residence: Trondheim Waxing Personnel 1st OG as Waxing Personnel





Tøllefsen, Esben Born: 01.06.72 - Senia Residence: Tromsø **Waxing Personnel** 1st OG as Waxing Personnel

#### MEN



Brandsdal, Eirik Club: Kielsås IL Born: 11.11.86 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Heiaht: 181

Civil Status: Not married Occupation: Cross Country Skier Hobbies: Mountain hiking, climbing, games and movies

Languages spoken: Norwegian and English

Previous results:

WCh: 12: 6 Sprint Classic

WC: 3 victories Otepää 2011. Milano

2012 and Drammen 2012 NCh: 2 victories Sprint



Gierdalen, Tord Asle Club: Fossum IF Born: 03 08 83 - Ringerike

Residence: Oslo Height: 182 cm Civil Status: Married

Occupation: Cross Country Skier **Hobbies:** Medicine Student Favourite music: Pink Floyd, Band of

Horses, Neil Young Favourite film: Ice Age Favourite food: Italian Pizza

Greatest sports moment: 50km WCh

Oslo 2011

Sports idol: Ole Einar Biørndalen and Aksel Lund Svindal

Languages spoken: Norwegian and

English

Previous results:

OG: 10: 19 - 30k. 28 - 15k. 06: 15 - 50k. 17 - 30k

WCh: 13: 1 - Relay, 3 - 15k Skate, 11: 1 -

Relav. 3 - 15k Skate

NCh: 11: 1 - 30k Pursuit, 10: 1 - 30k

Pursuit

Other: 4 - Tour de Ski 2008 4 - WC

Overall 2008



Gløersen. Anders Club: Rustad IL Born: 22 05 86 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Height: 185 cm

Civil Status: In a relationship Occupation: Cross Country Skier Languages spoken: Norwegian and

Enalish Previous results: WC: 4 Victories

NCh: 2 Gold Medals - Sprint Relay



Golberg, Pål Club: Gol II Born: 16.07.90 - Gol Residence: Gol Height: 185 cm Civil Status: Single

Occupation: Cross Country Skier Hobbies: Golf, guitar, trotting Favourite music: Rock/pop from the

70's & 80's

Favourite film: Forrest Gump Favourite book genre: Conspiracy

fiction

Favourite food: Tacos

**Greatest sports moment:** Tiger Woods at the final round of the 2005 US



#### Masters

Sports idol: Tiger Woods

Languages spoken: Norwegian and Fnalish

Previous results:

WCh: 13: 5 - individual classic sprint NCh: 13: 1 - individual classic sprint

Other: 1 WC victory



Hattestad, Ola Vigen

Club: Ørie IL

Born: 19.04.82 - Askim Residence: Ørie Height: 188 cm

Civil Status: Cohabitee Occupation: Cross Country Skier Favourite food: Asian & Italian

Greatest sports moment: Winning the WCh Gold Medal in 2009

Languages spoken: Norwegian and English

**Previous results:** 

**OG:** 10: 4 - Sprint Classic **O6:** 9 - Sprint WCh: 13: 9 - Sprint, 11: 2 - Team Sprint Classic, 4 - Sprint, 09: 1 - Sprint, 1 -

Team Sprint NCh: 08: 1 07: 1

WC Sprint Overall: Winner 2008/2009

& 2007/2008



Jespersen, Chris André Club: Korlevoll IL

Born: 18.10.83 - Haugesund

Residence: Trondheim Height: 187 cm

Civil Status: Cohabitee

Occupation: Cross Country Skier Hobbies: Liverpool FC

Favourite music: Avicii Favourite film: Braveheart

Favourite book genre: Dan Brown

Favourite food: Taco

**Greatest sports moment:** Champions League Finals 2005 - Liverpool in

Istanbu

**Sports idol:** Steven Gerrard

Languages spoken: Norwegian and

English

Previous results:

WC: 14: 3 - 4,5 Skate, 13: 2 - 30k Skate

NCh: 11: 2 - 50k Skate

Other: 2 - Tour de Ski overall 2013/2014



Krogh, Finn Hågen Club: Tverrelvdalen IL Born: 06.09.90 - Alta Residence: Lillehammer

Height: 174 cm Civil Status: Single **Occupation:** Cross Country Skier **Hobbies:** Music, movies & friends

Favourite music: Drake

Favourite book genre: Never read a

book till the end

**Greatest sports moment:** Norway winning the cross-country relay in 2003

Sports idol: Bjørn Dæhlie

Languages spoken: Norwegian and

English

**Previous results: WCh:** 13: 32 - 15k Skate **NCh:** 13: 2 - 15k Skate



Northug jr., Petter Club: Strindheim

**Born:** 06.01.86 - Levanger **Residence:** Trondheim **Height:** 185 cm

Civil Status: It's complicated
Occupation: Cross Country Skier &

Farmer

**Hobbies:** Soccer & Oprah **Favourite music:** Tyrolean

Favourite film: Shawshank Redemption

Favourite book genre: "Vart går gränsen?" by Gunde Svan

Favourite food: Junk

**Greatest sports moment:** Beating the local opponent soccer team at extra time 3-2 in 2012

Sports idol: Zlatan

**Languages spoken:** Norwegian, English and Swedish

Previous results:

OG: 10: 1 - 50k Classic, 1 - Team Sprint,

2 - Relay, 3 - Sprint Classic

**WCh:** 13: 1 - 15 k Free Technique, 1 - Relay. 2 - Sprint Classic. 11: 1 - 30k



2012/2013 **NCh:** 8 Victories



Rønning, Eldar Club: Skogn IL

**Born:** 11.06.82 - Levanger **Residence:** Trondheim

Height: 178 cm

**Civil Status:** Married, two kids **Occupation:** Cross Country Skier

**Hobbies:** Sports in general!

**Favourite music:** "Trønder Rock", Bon Jovi, Bruce Springsteen

Favourite film: Braveheart

Favourite book genre: Krim, Jan Guillou Favourite food: Homemade Norwegian "Kiøttkak"

**Greatest sports moment:** WCh Holmenkollen 2011, silver and gold medal.

Sports idol: Vegard Ulvang

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

and German

Previous results:

**OG:** 10: 36 - Duathlon

**WCh:** 13: 1 - Relay, 11: 2 - 15k Classic, 1 - Relay, 09: 1 - Relay. 07: 3 - Sprint

Classic. 1 - Relay

**NCh:** 11: 1 – 15k Classic, 1 – Relay, 10: 1 – Relay, 09: 1 – Sprint Relay, 07: 1 – Sprint

Relay, 06: 1 - Sprint Relay

WC: 7 victories. 1 – 50k Holmenkollen 2012 Personal records: 8.34 – 3000 m Track

& Field



Røthe, Sjur Club: Voss IL Born: 02.07.88 - Voss Residence: Voss Height: 171 cm Civil Status: Single

Occupation: Cross Country Skier Hobbies: Movies, friends
Favourite music: Dance and pop...

Avicii

Favourite film: "Hodejegerne"
Favourite book genre: "Dødsranet"

Favourite food: Fish

Greatest sports moment: Val di

Fiemme

Sports idol: Alexander Dale Oen

Languages spoken: Norwegian and

English
Previous results:

WCh: 13: 3 - Pursuit, 1 - Relay



Sundby, Martin Johnsrud Club: Røa IL

Born: 26.09.84 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Civil Status: Cohabitee

**Occupation:** Cross country skier **Hobbies:** Friends, family, wine and MMA

Favourite music: "Eats" everything



Favourite film: Warrior Favourite food: Fish - Norwegian Salmon

**Greatest sports moment:** Ruuka triple mini tour

**Sports idol:** Ole Einar Bjørndalen **Languages spoken:** Norwegian and English

Previous results:

**OG:** 10: 15 - 50k Classic, 18 - Duathlon, 34 - 15k Skate, 2 - Relav

**WCh:** 13: 2 - Duathlon, 11: 3 - 15k

Classic, 5 - Duathlon, 1 - Relay, 24 - 50k **NCh:** 7 victories

WC: 3 individal victories, 13 podiums
Other: Tour de Ski Champion 2013/2014



Tønseth, Didrik Club: Byåsen IL

Born: 10.05.91 - Trondheim Residence: Trondheim Height: 178 cm Civil Status: Engaged

Occupation: Cross Country Skier

Hobbies: Drumming
Favourite music: Kurt Nilsen
Favourite film: Gladiator
Favourite book genre: Biographies

Favourite food: Moose

**Greatest sports moment:** My silver medal in NCh 12/13

Sports idol: Bjørn Dæhlie Languages spoken: Norwegian and

English

English

Previous results: NCh: 13: 2 - Duathlon WC: 3 - 15k Classic

Personal Records: 8.43 - 3000m Track

& Field

#### WOMEN



Bjørgen, Marit Club: Rognes IL

Born: 21.03.80 - Trondheim

Residence: Oslo Height: 1,66

Civil Status: Cohabitee

**Occupation:** Cross Country Skier **Hobbies:** Sports, family, friends, walking in the nature

Favourite music: Pop, rock
Favourite book genre: Jo Nesbø
Favourite food: Norwegian Seafood
Greatest sports moment: Olympic
Games Vancouver 2010

**Sports idol:** Therese Johaug **Languages spoken:** Norwegian and

English

Previous results:

**OG:** 10: 1 - Sprint, 1 - Duathlon, 1 - Relay, 2 - 30k Classic, 3 - 10k Skate ,06: 2 - 10k Classic O2: 2 - Relay

WCh: 13: 1 - Sprint Classic, 1 - 15k Pursuit, 1 - Relay, 1 - 30k Classic, 2 - 10k Skate, 11: 1 - Sprint Free Technique, 1 - 15k Pursuit, 1 - 10k Classic, 1 - Relay, 2 - 30k Skate, 07: 3 - Relay, 3 - Team Sprint, 05: 1 - Team Sprint, 1 - Relay, 1 -30k Classic, 3 - 10k Skate, 2 - Pursuit. 03: 1 - Sprint, 2 - Relay

NCh: 16 Gold Medals, 7 Silver Medals, 4

Bronze Medals

**WC Overall:** 04/05: 1 05/06: 1 11/12: 1 **Other:** 62 individual World-Cup

victories



Brun-Lie, Celine Club: Niård

Born: 18.03.88 - Oslo Residence: Trondheim

**Height:** 171 cm **Civil Status:** Single

Occupation: Cross Country Skier
Hobbies: Studying, travelling, mountain

hiking, hanging out with friends and family

**Favourite music:** Anything except metal

Favourite film: Untouchables
Favourite book genre: Historical/

realistic fiction, fantasy

Favourite food: French & Asian food.

Chocolate cake!!

**Greatest sports moment:** My brother's second place in the Norwegian Jr. Championship

Languages spoken: Norwegian, French

and English

Previous results:

**OG:** 10: 6 - Sprint Classic, 5 Team Sprint

Skate

**WCh:** 09: 12 - Sprint Skate **NCh:** 12: 2 - Sprint Classic, 09: 1 - Sprint

Skate



Falla, Maiken Caspersen

Club: Gjerdrum IL Born: 13.08.90 - Lørenskog

Residence: Lillehammer

Height: 162 cm

Occupation: Cross Country Skier Hobbies: Friends, sports, shopping Favourite music: Imagine Dragons, hit

music

Favourite food: My moms baking, Asian

food and taco

**Greatest sports moment:** 3<sup>rd</sup> pl. Val di Fiemme'13 and first WC podium Düsseldorf'08.

Languages spoken: Norwegian and

English

Previous results: OG: 10: 20 - Sprint

**WCh:** 13: 3 - Sprint, 11: 3 - Team Sprint **NCh:** 13: 1 - Sprint, 12: 1 - Sprint, 11: 2 - Sprint, 10: 3 - Sprint, 09: 2 - Sprint

WC: Two victories - Sprint





Jacobsen, Astrid Uhrenholdt

Club: IL Heming

**Born:** 22.01.87 - Trondheim on the

Fosen Ferry Residence: Oslo Height: 175 cm

Occupation: Cross Country Skier -

Medicine Student

Favourite music: Coldplay. Taylor Swift.

Laleh

 $\textbf{Favourite film:} \ \mathsf{The} \ \mathsf{Notebook}$ 

Favourite book genre: Documentary

novels

Favourite food: Halibut Sports idol: Tora Berger

Languages spoken: Norwegian and

English

Previous results:

**OG:** 10: 5 - Team Sprint, 7 - Sprint Classic L

**WCh:** 11: 3 - Team Sprint, 07: 1 - Sprint Classic, 3 - Team Sprint, 3 - Relay

**NCh:** 5 individual Gold Medals, 5 Gold Medals Team Sprint/Relay

Other: Bronze NCh'13 Athletics 5000m
Personal records: Athletics: 3000m -

9.40, 5000m - 16.40



Johaug, Therese

Club: IL Nansen

Born: 25.06.88 - Dalsbygda

Residence: Oslo Height: 162 cm

Occupation: Cross Country Skier

Sports idol: Marit Bjørgen

Languages spoken: Norwegian and

English

Previous results:

**OG:** 10: 1 - Relay, 6 - 15k Duathlon, 7 - 30k Classic

**WCh:** 13: 1 - 10k Skate, 1 - Relay, 2 - 15k

Duathlon, 3 – 30k Classic, 11: 1 – 30k Skate, 1 – Relay, 3 – 15k Duathlon, 09: 4 – Relay 07: 3 – 30k Classic

**Other:** Tour de Ski Champion 2013/2014. 5 individual World-Cup

victories



Steira, Kristin Størmer

Club: IL Forsøk

Born: 30.04.81 - Mo i Rana

Residence: Oslo Height: 169 cm

**Civil Status:** In a relationship **Occupation:** Cross Country Skier

Hobbies: Reading, climbing, food and

outdoors activity

**Favourite music:** Radical face, Bon Iver, Kashmir, Band of Horses, Placebo **Favourite film:** Lost in translation

Favourite book genre: Novels

Favourite food: Fish

**Greatest sports moment:** 1996 -Vebiørn Rodal's Olympic Gold 800m

track & field

**Sports idol:** Paula Radcliffe **Languages spoken:** Norwegian and

English, some German

Previous results:

**OG:** 10: 8 – 10 km Skate, 4 – 15 km Pursuit, 8 – 30 km Classic, 1 – Relay, 06: 4 – 10 km Classic, 4 – 15 km Pursuit, 4 –

30 km Skate, 5 - Relav

WCh: 13: 9 - 10 km Skate, 4 - 15 km Pursuit, 9 - 30 km Classic, 1 - Relay, 11: 10 - 10 km Classic, 9 - 15 km Pursuit, 5 - 30 km Skate, 1 - Relay, 09: 6 - 10 km Classic, 2 - 15 km Pursuit, 5 - 30 km Skate, 4 - Relay, 07: 3 - 15 km Pursuit, 2 - 30 km Classic, 4 - 10 km Skate, 3 -Relay, 05: 3 - 15 km pursuit, 9 - 10 km Skate, 1 - Relay, 03: 30 km Skate NCh: 12 - 4 Gold. 6 Silver and 4 Bronze

Cross Country

**Other:** 1 Gold 5000m and 1 Silver Hill Run - Athletics. Silver in Nordic Terrain Run



Weng, Heidi

Club: BUL

Born: 20.07.91 - Ytre Enebakk

Residence: Ytre Enebakk

Height: 163 cm

**Civil Status:** Boyfriend **Occupation:** Cross Country Skier

Favourite music: Likes all kinds of

music

Favourite film: The Notebook
Favourite book: Likes to read books

from Jo Nesbø

Favourite food: Entrecóte. French

Fries and Tacos

**Greatest sports moment:** WCh Val di Fiemme 2013 and the 1st first podium in

Lahti 2012

**Sports idol:** Edvald Boasson Hagen **Languages spoken:** Norwegian and

English

Previous results:

**WCh:** 13: 1 - Relay, 3 - Duathlon **NCh:** 13: 2 - 30k Classic. 12: 3 - 30k Classic, 3 - Duathlon, 1 - Team Sprint

Relay

**CURLING** 





Østberg, Ingvild Flugstad Club: Giøvik Skiklubb Born: 09.11.90 - Giøvik Residence: Oslo

Height: 165 cm

Civil Status: In a relationship Occupation: Cross Country Skier Hobbies: Friends, Football (soccer) playing & watching, all sports, playing games

Favourite book genre: Crime and thriller

Favourite food: Fish, taco, pizza and bread

Greatest sports moment: Winning the Sprint Free Technique at Tour de Ski on New Years Eve 2013 and qualifying for 1. Division with Giøvik Football Club Sports idol: Grandmother Valborg and

Marit Biørgen

Languages spoken: Norwegian and

English

Previous results:

WCh: 13: 4 - Team Sprint, 17 - Sprint Classic, 09: 5 - Team Sprint, 36 - 30

km Skate

NCh: 11: 3 - Sprint Skate, 09: 1 - 15k

Duathlon

WChJr.: 7 Gold medals, 3 Silver Medals

WChU23: 11: 1 - 15k Duathlon



# Third consecutive Olympic medal?

During the Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City in 2002 more than one million viewers in Norway stayed awake to watch curling during the night. At the centre of all this attention was the Norwegian curling team captained by Pål Trulsen, now sports director and secretary general of the Norwegian Curling Federation, Norway's Olympic gold medal in 2002 generated a great deal of media interest in addition to Norwegians starting to invade the country's curling halls. In Vancouver 2010 Team Ulsrud repeated the success with a Norwegian Olympic silver medal.

Curling is a minor sport in Norway. In 2011 the number of official memberships was 2.900 and there were 32 clubs. A few curling venues have been built over the last years, but the majority of clubs are practicing at ice hockey rinks. The lack of venues must be considered a causative factor to the sport not really growing too much.

Curling is a sport that suits the Norwegian spirit and competitive drive. The first attempt to introduce the sport to Norway was around the year 1930 when the first ten curling

stone was imported from Scotland to Oppdal. The resistance of challenging existing sports, such as skiing and skating, might be the reason why an introduction did not happen earlier.

It's an experienced Norwegian team competing in Sochi, and Torger Nergård attends an Olympic competition for his fourth time. The team has achieved three bronze medals and one silver medal at the World Championships. They have been on the podium in the last seven consecutive European Championships, winning the gold medal in 2010 and 2011. In Stavanger 2014 Norway lost against Switzerland in the final on "home ice".

In Sochi, Thomas Ulsrud will captain the Norwegian team with the ambition to fight for a medal. Ulsrud's team remains the same as in Vancouver 2010 when they lost in the final against Canada. Only the reserve has been changed. Norway is currently ranked number four in the world behind Canada, Scotland and Sweden.

More info: www.curling.no





Trulsen, Pål
Born: 19.04.62 - Drøbak
Residence: Bærum
Head Coach
2<sup>nd</sup> OG as Team Official
Athlete in OG 1992, 2002 and 2006.
Won Gold Medal in OG 2002



Moe, Petter Jevnehagen Born: 21.08.82 - Lillehammer Residence: Oslo Coach

#### MEN



Ulsrud Thomas Club: Snarøen Curling Club Born: 21.10.11 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Height: 185 cm Civil Status: Married Occupation: Self-employed

**Hobbies:** Golf, sports in general **Favourite music:** -

Favourite film: Pulp Fiction
Favourite book genre: Crime
Favourite food: Steak

Greatest sport moment: Golf: First time below par in a golf tournament, Curling: Semi final game OG 2010 (Silver Medal) Sport idol: Zlatan Ibrahimović, Usain Bolt, Pål Trulsen

**Languages spoken:** Norwegian, English **Previous results:** 

**OG:** 10/2

**WCh:** 2006/3, 2008/3 and 2009/3 **ECh:** 2002/3, 2007/2, 2008/2, 2009/3, 2010/1, 2011/1, 2012/2 and 2013/2

NCh: 8

Personal record: 60 meters - 7.9 sec

(age 12)



Nergård, Torger Club: Snarøen Curling Club Born: 12.12.74 – Trondheim Residence: Oslo

Height: 179 cm

**Civil Status:** cohabitant with Marianne. 2 daughters; Karine (3,5 years) & Thale

(9 months)

Occupation: Engineer Hobbies: Golf, soccer Favourite music: -Favourite film: -Favourite book genre: -Favourite food: -

**Greatest sport moment:** Silver Medal in Vancouver Olympics 2010

**Sport idol:** Eigil Ramsfjell **Languages spoken:** English, some

German

Previous results: OG: 2002/1, 2006/5, 2010/2

**WCh:** 2006/3, 2008/3, 2009/3, 2010/2 **ECh:** 2002/3, 2005/1, 2007/2, 2008/2, 2009/3, 2010/1, 2011/1, 2012/2, 2013/2

**NCh:** 10



Svae, Christoffer

Club: Snarøen Curling Club Born: 21.03.82 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Height: 189 cm

Civil Status: Unmarried with roommate

girlfriend

Occupation: Curling instructor Hobbies: Dancing, travelling, party

organizing

Favourite music: Hit list
Favourite film: The Avengers
Favourite book genre: Restaurant

menus

Favourite food: BBQ

Greatest sport moment: Winning

Continental Cup

**Sport idol:** Michael Flatly (Lord of the Dance)

ance)

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English Previous results:

**OG**: 10/2

**WCh:** 2006/3, 2008/3 and 2009/3,

2010/2

**ECh:** 2007/2, 2008/2, 2009/3, 2010/1,

2011/1, 2012/2 and 2013/2

**NCh:** 5

Others: Winning the Continental Cup

twice

Personal record: Best  $2^{nd}$  at ECh 2013





Petersson, Håvard Vad Club: Snarøen Curling Club Born: 05 01 84 - Oslo Residence: Arendal Height: 193 cm Civil Status: Married

Occupation: Self-employed Hobby: Curling

Favourite music: No Favourite film: Not really Favourite book genre: No Favourite food: Steaks or Italian Greatest sport moment: Winning the Semi Final in Vancouver 2010.

Sport idol: Biørn Dæhlie Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

Previous results: **OG:** 2010/2 WCH: 2008/2, 2009/3, 2010/2

ECh: 2007/2, 2008/2, 2009/3, 2010/1, 2011/1, 2012/2, 2013/2

NCh: 6

Personal record: 3.25.14 (Maraton)



Høiberg, Markus Snøve Club: Oppdal CK

Born: 06 06 1991 - Oppdal

Residence: Oslo Height: 185 cm

Civil Status: In a relationship Occupation: Student

Hobbies: Football, golf, outdoor

activities

Favourite music: Hip hop

Favourite film: The Lord of the Rings Favourite book genre: Philosophical

Favourite food: Italian

Greatest sport moment: Usain Bolt

100m in 2008 Olympics

Sport idol: Muhammad Ali

Languages spoken: Swedish, English.

Spanish, Japanese Previous results: WCh: 2011/4, 2013/5 WCh Jr: 2011/3 ECh: 2010/1, 2013/2 NCh: 5 x Silver Medal NCh Jr: 5 x Gold Medal



### Norwegian Figure Skating returns after 50 years

50 years have passed since Norway was represented in Olympic Figure Skating. During the Innsbruck Games in 1964 Anne Karin Dehle and Berit Unn Johansen placed 28th and 30th. In Sochi 20-vear-old Anne Line Giersem will make her Olympic debut. She trains and studies in Malmö. Sweden.

Figure skating is a small sport in Norway with only 250 active athletes. But the sport has long traditions in this land of cold winters. The world famous Norwegian Sonia Henie (1912-1969) dominated the sport of figure skating for more than a decade. She made her debut with an eight place in Chamonix 1924. Then she won the Olympic Gold medal three times in a row: in St Moritz 1928, Lake Placid 1932 and Garmisch-Partenkirchen 1936

When Sonja achieved her 10th World Championships' gold medal in Paris 1936 she gave up her amateur status. Her dream was making a film career in Hollywood, and by the end of the decade she was one of Hollywood's hottest and most popular stars.

Axel Paulsen (1855 - 1938) is another Norwegian who will forever be remembered. He was one of the world's best speed skaters and talented in figure skating. He is best known for the "Axel jump" which has become one of the most challenging moves in figure skating. This jump is one of the important milestones, which figure skaters strive for. The accomplishment of mastering an Axel jump is one that will last in each skater 's memory forever.

Olympic Rookie Anne Line Gjersem is a result of "The Sonia Henie Project". This project is a cooperation between the Norwegian Skating Association and the Norwegian Top Sports Centre. The objective of the partnership, on going since 2006, has been to reach the right level of an athlete to compete in Sochi

More info: www.skoyteforbundet.no

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Magnusson, Elzbieta (Ela) Born: 24.04.64 - Lodz, POL Residence: Malmö, SWE Head Coach 1st OG as Team Official



Gjersem, Anne Line Club: Asker Figure Skating Club, AKK Born: 06 01 94 - Hønefoss

Residence: Malmö, SWE Height: 158 cm Civil Status: Single

Occupation: Figure Skater

Hobbies: Being with friends, reading,

dancing

Favourite music: Pop, R&B and Indie

rock

Favourite film: The Great Gatsby Favourite book genre: Books by

Nicholas Sparks **Favourite food:** Taco

**Greatest sport moment:** Nebelhorn Trophy, Olympic Qualifying Event **Sport idol:** Carolina Kostner - Figure

Skater

Languages spoken: Norwegian and

English

Comments: First Olympic Games

Previous results: WCh: 13: 32 ECh: 14: 19 NCh: 11: 1

NCh Jr: 09: 1, 10: 1

Others: 12: 10/Junior Grand Prix Personal best total score: 142,87

points



ROSA KHUTOR EXTREME PARK / Olympic Capacity — 4,000 Ham stadium - 6,250 psx stadium
The unique snow conditions, combined with specialized courses for ski cross, slopestyle, mogul,
snowboard cross, parallel giant slalom and halfpipe events will make this facility a permanent venue for
staging international events. Rosa Khutor Extreme Park has two stadiums: PSX (parallel slalom, ski cross,
parallel giant slalom, slopestyle, snowboard cross) and HAM (halfpipe, aerials, moguls). (SOCHI 2014)

# Ten gold medals to be awarded in freestyle

In Sochi ten Gold Medals will be awarded in freestyle's ten branches; five for each gender. Freestyle has thus come a long way in the Olympic Games since its inception as a demonstration sport in Calgary in 1988.

And the Norwegian tradition goes a long way back. Already in 1930, and even before then, cross-country and downhill skiers included acrobatics in their training and play. Ski cross originates from the old competition based on "arriving first down the mountain" – whatever the topography looked like.

In the 1950s, the Norwegian Olympic alpine gold medallist Stein Eriksen, was a driving force in developing the jumping part of freestyle skiing.

Freestyle was for the first time an official sport in the Olympic Program in Albertville 1992, and Norwegian Stine Lise Hattestad won the bronze medal. At the Lillehammer Olympics, two years later, aerials was added to the program and Hilde Synnøve Lid won the bronze medal. Stine Lise Hattestad was this time on top of the podium with her victory in moguls.

Kari Traa has also been very influential, winning bronze in women's moguls in Nagano in 1998, gold in Salt Lake City four years after, and silver in Torino in 2006. After her retirement from competition she started a project to recruit young talents to freestyle skiing. Hedvig Wessel, the Norwegian participant in moguls in Sochi, has developed from this program.

Ski cross requires strong physical and mental strength. Four athletes are running against each other simultaneously, and you have to go through up to five rounds before the winner is crowned. In Vancouver 2010 both Hedda Berntsen and Audun Grønvold made it to the podium.

In Sochi slopestyle and halfpipe are new official disciplines and Norway will compete with several medal candidates. Slopestyle takes place in a course with different kinds of obstacles, rails, jumps and quarter-pipes. The challenge is to use these obstacles to their own advantage on the way down by doing different tricks while keeping good flow and style.

More info: www.skiforbundet.no

# **MOGULS AND SKI CROSS**



Skarpaas, Morten Born: 21.02.57 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Team Captain - Moguls and Ski Cross 1st OG as Team Official Judge in OG 1994, 1998, 2006, 2010



Koblar, Jernei Born: 30.9.71 - Jesenice, SLO Residence: Krize, SLO Coach 1st OG as Team Official OG 94, 98, 02 as athlete



Witteveen. Einar Born: 08.08.61 -Oslo Residence: Oslo Head coach Ski Cross 1st OG as Team Official World Cup coach Norway alpine skiing, head of Norway alpine skiing



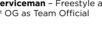
Arnø, Andreas Born: 31.05.73 - Oslo Residence: Asker Coach - Ski Cross 3rd OG as Team Official (one OG in AS)



Kantermo, David Born: 01.10.81 - Åre, SWE Residence: Åre, SWE Coach - Moguls 1st OG as Team Official



Grevstad, Lars Born: 17.03.56 - Oslo Residence: Bærum Serviceman - Freestyle and Snowboard 1st OG as Team Official







Lie, Thomas Borge Club: Ready Born: 25.02.85 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Height: 182 cm Civil Status: Single Occupation: Skier Hobbies: Surfing, adrenaline addict

Favourite music: Electronica, house, chillout

Favourite book genre: Documentaries

Favourite food: Taco

Greatest sport moment: X-Games Sport idol: Kietil André Aamodt

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English Previous results:

NCh: 12: 1 sx



Mithassel, Christian Club: IL Heming Born: 29 09 87 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Height: 181 cm Civil Status: Single Occupation: Skier

Hobbies: Sports on tv. football Favourite music: Jokke. Metallica Favourite book genre: Crime (Jo

Nesbø)

Favourite food: My mothers meatballs Greatest sport moment: Magnus Carlsen winning the chess word championship

Sport idol: Magnus Carlsen, Lasse Kjus Languages spoken: Norwegian, English



Juell, Didrik Bastian Wikestad Club: Ready

Born: 22.02.90 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Height: 180 cm Civil Status: Single Occupation: Skier

Hobbies: Adrenaline-junkie

Favourite music: Everything that makes

me happy

Favourite film: American History X





Favourite book genre: Crime Favourite food: Taco Greatest sport moment: 2<sup>nd</sup> position

WC (first on podium) Sport idol: Shane McConkey

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

**Previous results:** NCh: 13: 1 sx. 10: 2 sx Other: 10: 1 JWCh

#### **WOMEN - SKICROSS**



Giefsen. Marte Høie Club: Lillehammer skiklubb Born: 06.03.89 - Lillehammer Residence: Lillehammer

Height: 169 cm

Civil Status: Unmarried Occupation: Skier

Hobbies: Football and hiking in the

Norwegian mountains

Favourite music: Pinnekjøtt (salted and

dried ribs of mutton)

Greatest sport moment: X-Games gold,

with two casts on boths hands Languages spoken: English

Previous results: **OG:** 10: 11 sx WCh: 11: 8 sx Other: 12: 1X-Games

#### WOMEN - MOGULS



Wessel, Hedvig

Club: IL Heming and Kari Traa Skilag

Born: 25.08.95 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Height: 162 cm Civil Status: Single Occupation: Student Hobby: Water sports

Favourite music: Keep your head up by

Ben Howard

Favourite film: Lion's King Favourite book genre: The Harry

Potter-books

Favourite food: Sushi

Greatest sport moment: When I won my first EC-competition 14 years old.

Sport idol: Kari Traa

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

Previous results:

JWCh: 13: 5 in moguls. 12: 6 in moguls

WC: 12: 8 in Kreischberg

#### **SLOPESTYLE**



Frankum, Christopher Born: 05.03.86 - Swindon, GBR Residence: Oslo

Manager & head coach freeski

1st OG as Team Official



Berg-Johnsen, Espen Born: 03 08 83 - Lillehammer

Residence: Oslo Coach

1st OG as Team Official

#### **MEN - SLOPESTYLE**



Aurdal, Aleksander Club: IL Heming Born: 25.03.88 - Bodø Residence: Oslo Height: 178 cm Civil Status: Single Occupation: Skier

Hobby: Skiing

Favourite music: Rap, electronica, reggae

Favourite film: Supervention by Field Productions

Favourite book genre: Crime Favourite food: Burger, suflé

Greatest sport moment: Norway-Brazil

2-1. World Cup football 1988

Sport idol: Floyd Mayweather, Tiger

Woods

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

Previous results: WCh: 11: 7/slopestyle NCh: 11:1/slopestyle

Others: 12: 7/Dew Tour slopestyle







Hunder, Per Kristian Club: Lillehammer Skiklubb Born: 28 04 89 - Lillehammer

Residence: Oslo Height: 179 cm Civil Status: Single Occupation: Skier Hobby: Golf

Favourite music: Hard core gangster

rap Favourite film: Happy feet

Favourite book genre: Biographies

Favourite food: Sushi

Greatest sport moment: When Tiger Woods sunk the chip at Memorial Sport idol: Tiger Woods

Languages spoken: Norwegian and

English

Previous results: Others: 10: 1/Dew Cup



Håtveit. Andreas Club: Geilo IL

Occupation: Skier

Born: 09.07,86 - Kongsberg Residence: Sudndalen Height: 186 cm Civil Status: Married

Hobbies: Skiing, fishing, guitar playing

Favourite music: Blues Favourite film: Fire Proof Favourite book genre: The Bible

Favourite food: Taco

Greatest sport moment: 1st X-Games

slopestyle Sport idol: -

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

**Previous results:** WCh: 13: 4/slopestyle

Others: 7 medals X-Games and Dew

Tour



Bråten, Øystein Club: Torpo IL

Born: 21.07.95 - Ringerrike

**Residence: Norge** Height: 179 cm Civil Status: Single Occupation: Skiing

Hobbies: Skateboarding, tennis Favourite music: Hip Hop Favourite film: Max Manus Favourite book genre: Crime Favourite food: Indian Greatest sport moment: -Sport idol: Paul Rodriguez

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

Previous results: WCh ir: 12: 2

WC: 12: 3 Austrian Open

#### WOMAN - SLOPESTYLE



Christiansen, Tiril Siåstad

Club: Geilo IL

Born: 07.04.95 - Ringerike Residence: Lillehammer Height: 167 cm

Civil Status: Single Occupation: Skier

Hobbies: Horseback riding, cross-

country skiing

Favourite music: R & B pop. hip hop Favourite film: Green Mile

Favourite book genre: Biographies

Favourite food: Asian

Greatest sport moment: When I won

X-Games

Sport idol: Bobby Brown, Aksel Lund

Svindal

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English.

German, Swedish

Comments: Get ready for Siåstad

Christiansen

Previous results:

WCh: 11: 8/slopestyle, 13: 11/slopestyle

Others: 13: 1 Aspen X-Games, 2 European X-Games, 1 WC Silva Plana, 1

WC New Zealand, 1 New Zealand Open

#### **MEN - HALFPIPE**



Lindstad. Jon Anders

Club: Freidig

Born: 04.07.94 - Beverly GB Residence: Trondheim Height: 179 cm

Civil Status: Single Occupation: Free skier

Hobbies: Windsurfing, tennis and

sports in general

Favourite music: Rock, indie rock, rap

and hip hop

Favourite film: Good Will Hunting Favourite book genre: Biographies

Favourite food: Indian food

Greatest sport moment: The next one

is the best one

**Sport idol:** Simon Dumont and Sarah

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

and German Previous results: WCh: 13: 15 halfpipe

Other: 14: 6 WC halfpipe Calgary





## The reigning Olympic champions awaits in the opening match

For the 11th time Norway has qualified for the Olympics in ice hockey. The very first time was as a host nation in 1952 despite the fact that the sport has been part of the Olympic programme since the Summer Olympics in Antwerp 1920. Of the 61 matches played Norway has won 14, drawn five and lost 42. In Sochi Norway will play the opening match against the reigning Olympic Champions Canada on the February 13.

Ice hockey first came to Norway in the interwar years. "Trygg" was the first club, founded in 1932. The first showcase match between two Norwegian teams took place a year later in front his Royal Highness King Haakon VII and 12,000 spectators during the World Skating Championships in Trondheim. The Norwegian Ice Hockey Association was founded in 1934 with representatives from ten different clubs.

Norway's World Championships debut was in London in 1937. The team was beaten 7-0 by Czechoslovakia. Since then Norway has competed in 28 World Championships, and for the eighth year running. Norway has qualified for the

World Championships' top division, which will be played in Belarus in May. Even though ice hockey is the second most popular team event in Norway after football regarding spectators, it is still a minor sport.

There are currently almost 12,000 members of the Norwegian Ice Hockey Association. There are only 45 indoor rinks in the country in total and only two north of Trondheim. The first indoor arena in Northern Norway opened in Tromsø in 2010.

Of the 25 players at the Norwegian Olympic ice hockey team ten are playing in Sweden, eight in Norway, two in Russia and the United States and one in Belarus, Finland and Germany. Mats Zuccarello (New York Rangers, NHL) and Patrick Thoresen (SKA St Petersburg, KHL) are currently the hottest Norwegian stars.

More info: www.hockev.no



Haukeland, Jon Born: 18.03.53 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Team Leader/Directorate member 3rd OG as Team Official



Stubdal, Knut J. Born: 30.06.61 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Ass Coach 2nd OG as Team Official



Mathisrud, Bjørn Born: 21.01.57 - Oslo Residence: Oslo General Manger - Team 1st OG as Team Official



Alcén, Per-Erik Born: 02.11.59 – Ockelbo, SWE Residence: Sandviken, SWE Goalie Coach 1<sup>st</sup> OG as Team Official



Johansen, Roy Born: 27.04.60 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Head Coach 2<sup>nd</sup> OG as Team Official Athlete in three OG (1984, 1988 and 1994) 61 matches in OG and WCh



Salsten, Petter
Born: 11.03.65 - Oslo
Residence: Hamar
Video Analysis
2nd OG as Team Official
Athlete in three OG (1988, 1992 and 1994) and six times in WCh A-group
92 matches in OG and WCh

ICE HOCKEY



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Jøstne. Tom Born: 08.03.66 - Gjøvik Residence: Lillehammer Video Analysis 2nd OG as Team Official



Glosli, Biørn Born: 14.09.50 - Fredrikstad Residence: Fredrikstad Equipment 1st OG as Team Official



Karlsson, Nicklas Born: 26.05.73 - Eskilstuna, SWE Residence: Luganoa, SUI Equipment 1st OG as Team Official

# **ATHLETES GOALIES**



Haugen, Lars Club: Dinamo Minsk. BLR Previous clubs: Vålerenga, Manglerud/ Star, Leksand, Sparta Sarpsborg, Lørenskog, Shakhter Soligorsk, Yunost Minsk Born: 19.03.87 - Oslo

Residence: Oslo, Minsk, BLR

Height: 184 cm Civil Status: Single Occupation: Hockey player Hobbies: Movies, books and languages Favourite music: Rock and Hip/Hop Favourite film: Forrest Gump/ The Dark

Knight Favourite book genre: Thriller Fiction/ Biographies

Favourite food: Salmon, steak Greatest sport moment: Biørn Dæhlie. Lillehammer, Olympics 1994 Sport idol: Jim Marthinsen and Biørn

Dæhlie

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English and some Russian Previous results:

WCh: 2011: Quarter Final (6), 2012: Quarter Final (8), 2013: 10

Official matches for Norway (OG and WCh): 22 (debut 30.04.11 vs. SWE)



Søberg, Steffen Kent Club: Vålerenga IF Previous clubs: Manglerud/Star.

Vålerenga

Born: 06.08.93 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Height: 180 cm Civil Status: -

Occupation: Hockey player

Hobby: Golf

Favourite music: Rock

Favourite film: Rambo First blood

Favourite book genre: -Favourite food: Steak

Greatest sport moment: Drafted by Wasington Capitals and promoted with U-20 National team

Sport idol: -

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

Previous results: WCh: 2013: 10 NCh: 2

Official matches for Norway (OG and WCh): 1 (debut 08.05.13 vs. SWE)



Volden, Lars Club: Espoo Blues, FIN Previous clubs: Manglerud/Star, Stavanger, Jokipojat



Occupation: Hockey player Hobby: Family and friends

Favourite music: House and Hip Hop

Favourite film: -

Favourite book genre: Sport

Favourite food: Steak

Greatest sport moment: Won the Div 1 Championship with U-18 and U-20

Sport idol: -

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English. Swedish

Previous results:

WCh: 2012: Quarter Final (8), 2013: 10 NCh: 1. Mestis Championship: 1 Official matches for Norway (OG and

WCh): 14 (debut 04.05.12 vs. SWE)

#### **DEFENDERS**



Bonsaksen, Alexander Club: Vålerenga IF

Previous clubs: Modo, Sundsvall, Rögle

Born: 24.01.87 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Height: 180cm

Civil Status: In a relationship Occupation: Hockey player Hobbies: Golf, tennis, soccer

Favourite music: I listen to everything

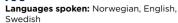
Favourite film: Gladiator Favourite book genre: -

Favourite food: Norwegian Christmas

food

**Greatest sport moment:** Promotion to Sport idol: Bård Sørlie, Roger Federer

SHL with Rögle in 2011/12



Previous results: OG: 2010: 10

WCh: 2009: 11, 2010: 9, 2011: Quarter Final (6), 2012: Quarter Final (8), 2013: 10 NCh: 2005/06, 2006/07, 2008/09 Official matches for Norway (OG and WCh): 41 (debut 05.02.09 vs. KAZ)



Holøs, Jonas

Club: Lokomotiv Yaroslavl, RUS Previous clubs: Sparta Sarpsborg, Färjestad, Colorado Avalanche, Lake Erie Monsters. Växsiö Lakers

Born: 27.08.87 - Sarpsborg Residence: Yaroslavl, RUS

Height: 180cm

**Civil Status:** Cohabitant **Occupation:** Ice hockey player

Hobby: -Favourite music: -

Favourite film: The Shawshank

Redemption

Favourite book genre: Crime Favourite food: Taco

Greatest sport moment: Swedish

Champion **Sport idol:** -

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English,

Swedish

Previous results: OG: 2010: 10

**WCh:** 2006: 11, 2007: 14, 2008: 8, 2009: 11, 2010: 9, 2011: Quarter Final (6), 2012:

Quarter Final (8), 2013: 10

Official matches for Norway (OG and WCh): 60 (debut 05.05.06 vs. USA)



Solberg, Henrik
Club: Stavanger Oilers

Previous clubs: Lillehammer Trondheim

Born: 15.04.87 - Trondheim
Residence: Stavanger

**Height:** 189 cm **Civil Status:** Cohabitant **Occupation:** Hockey player

Hobby: Hockey
Favourite music: Paperboys

Favourite film: "Flåklypa Grand Prix"

(1975)

Favourite book genre: -Favourite food: Tenderloin

**Greatest sport moment:** Thor Hushovd - Tour de France 2011. WCh 2010

Sport idol: Roar Strand

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

Previous results:

WCh: 2010: 9, 2012: Quarter Final (8),

2013: 10

NCh: 2009/10, 2011/12, 2012/13
Official matches for Norway (OG and

WCh): 18 (debut 09.05.10 vs. SWE)



Sørvik, Daniel Club: Vålerenga IF Previous club: Furuset Born: 11.03.90 – Oslo Residence: Rasta Height: 183 cm

Civil Status: Girlfriend
Occupation: Hockey player

Hobby: Sport

Favourite music: Heavy Metal, Metallica

Favourite film: Die Hard Favourite book genre: Fantasy

Favourite food: Pizza

**Greatest sport moment:** Manchester United – treble 1998/99 **Sport idol:** Niklas Lidström

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

Previous results: WCh: 2013: 10

Official matches for Norway (OG and WCh): 6 (debut 04.05.13 vs. SLO)



Residence: Karlstad, SWE Height: 187cm

Civil Status: Married, two kids

Favourite music: Classic rock

Favourite book genre: Crime

**Greatest sport moment:** Olympics in Lillehammer 94. my own is my first NHL

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

game with Columbus Blue Jackets.

WCh: 2005 1 (Div. 1), 2010: 9, 2011:

NCh jr: Gold medal with NTG

Quarter Final (6), 2012: Quarter Final

Official matches for Norway (OG and

Occupation: Hockey player

Hobbies: Golf and other sports

Favourite film: Inception

Sport idol: Henrik Stenson

Favourite food: Steak

Previous results:

OG: 2010: 10

(8), 2013: 10

Lillehammer

Trygg, Mats Club: Lørenskog IK

**Previous clubs:** Spektrum Flyers, Manglerud/Star, Färjestad, Iserlohn Roosters, Kölner Haie, Hamburg

Freezers, HV71 Born: 01.06.76 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Height: 179 cm

Civil Status: Girlfriend
Occupation: Hockey player
Hobbies: Fishing, sports
Favourite music: Anything goes
Favourite film: Wedding Crashers
Favourite book genre: Autobiography

Favourite food: Steak



Tollefsen, Ole-Kristian Club: Färjestad BK, SWE Previous clubs: Lillehammer, Brandon Wheat Kings, Syracuse Crunch, Dayton

Bombers, Columbus Blue Jackets, Grand Rapids Griffins, Modo Born: 29.03.84 - Oslo



Greatest sport moment: Vancouver Olympics

Sport idol: Diego Maradona

Languages spoken: Norwegain, English.

German

Previous results: **OG:** 2010: 10

WCh: 1998: 5 (B), 1999: 12, 2000: 10, 2001: 15, 2002: 3 (1-B), 2003: 2 (1-B), 2004: 2 (1-A), 2005: 1 (1-A), 2006: 11, 2007; 14, 2008; 8, 2009; 11, 2012; Quarter Final (8), 2013: 10

Official matches for Norway (OG and WCh): 112 (debut 06.02.97 vs. KAZ)



Ødegaard Henrik Club: Chicago Wolves, USA Previous clubs: Frisk Asker, Sparta

Sarpsborg Born: 12.02.88 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Height: 180 cm Civil Status: -

Occupation: Hockey player

Hobby: Golf

Favourite music: Rock and House Favourite film: Wedding Crashers Favourite book genre: Biography

Favourite food: Steak

Greatest sport moment: 2008 Wimbledon Final: Federer vs. Nadal Sport idol: Wayne Gretzky

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

WCh: 2008: 8, 2013: 10

Official matches for Norway (OG and WCh): 14 (debut 03.05.08 vs. SVK)

#### **FORWARDS**



Ask. Morten Club: Vålerenga IF Previous clubs: Born: 14.05.80 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Height: 185 cm Civil Status: Married Occupation: Hockey Player Hobbies: Golf. tennis

Favourite music: Listens to everything

Favourite film: Hangover Favourite book genre: Mystery Favourite food: Sushi. Steak

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English.

German **Previous results:** 

WCh: 2001: 15, 2002: 3 (1-B), 2005: 1 (1-A), 2006; 11, 2007; 14, 2008; 8, 2009;

11, 2011: Quarter Final (6), 2012: Quarter Final (8), 2013: 10

NCh: 4 x Gold Medals

Official matches for Norway (OG and WCh): 72 (debut 08.02.01 vs. GER)



Bastiansen, Anders Club: Färiestad, SWE Born: 3110.80 - Asker Residence: Karlstad, SWE

Height: 190 cm Civil Status: Cohabitant Occupation: Hockey player

Hobby: Golf

Favourite music: Listen to almost

everything

Favourite film: Man on Fire Favourite book genre: Jo Nesbø

Favourite food: Pizza Greatest sport moment: Swedish

Champ with Färiestad Sport idol: Mario Lemieux

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

Previous results: **OG:** 2010: 10

WCh: 2005: 1 (1-A), 2006: 11, 2007: 14. 2008: 8, 2009: 11, 2010: 9, 2011: Quarter Final (6), 2012: Quarter Final (8), 2013: 10

WCh:

NCh: 1 Gold Medal

Swedish Champion: 2 Gold Medals Official matches for Norway (OG and WCh): 71 (debut 11.11.04 vs. CHN)



Dahlstrøm, Robin Club: Ørebro. SWE Born: 29 01 88 - Oslo Residence: Ørebro, SWE

Height: 183 cm

Civil Status: Cohabitant Occupation: Hockey player Hobby: Sports

Favourite music: Hip Hop, House

Favourite film: -

Favourite book genre: Thriller

Favourite food: Steak

Greatest sport moment: Gold Medal Norwegian Championship 2011

Sport idol: -

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

Previous results: Wch: 2013: 10

NCh: Gold Medal 2011. Silver Medal 2008 Official matches for Norway (OG and WCh): 5 (debut 07.05.13 vs. CAN)



Forsberg, Kristian Club: Modo Hockey, SWE

Previous clubs: Furuset, Storhamar Born: 05.05.86 - Oslo

Residence: Örnskiöldsvik, SWE

Height: 184cm Civil Status: Girlfriend

Augsburger Panther, Rockford IceHogs

Born: 01.02.86 - Oslo

Height: 178 cm

Hobby: Skiina

in the WCh

OG: 2010: 10

(8), 2013: 10

music

Residence: Göteborg, SWE

Occupation: Hockey player

Favourite book genre: Crime

Favourite music: Different kind of

Greatest sport moment: NCh Gold

Medal with Vålerenga and guarter finals

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

WCh: 2007: 14, 2008: 8, 2010: 9, 2011:

Quarter Final (6), 2012: Quarter Final

Official matches for Norway (OG and

WCh): 47 (debut 28.04.07 vs. SVK)

Civil Status: Cohabitant

Favourite film: Be Cool

Favourite food: Sushi

Sport idol: Lasse Kius

Previous results:

NCh: 2 x Gold Medal



Occupation: Hockey player

Hobby: Golf

Favourite music: Hip Hop

Favourite film: Shawshank Redemption

Favourite book genre: Thriller

Favourite food: Steak

Greatest sport moment: Olympics in

Vancouver 2010

Sport idol: Alexander Bonsaksen

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English.

Swedish

Previous results:

**OG:** 2010: 10

WCh: 2007: 14. 2008: 8. 2009: 11. 2010: 9. 2011: Quarter Final (6), 2012: Quarter

Final (8), 2013: 10 NCh: Gold Medal 2008

Official matches for Norway (OG and WCh): 51 (debut 28.04.07 vs. SVK)



Hansen, Mads Club: Storhamar Dragons Previous clubs: Manglerud/Star. Vålerenga, Hammarby, Oskarshamn,

Brynäs

Born: 16.09.78 - Oslo Residence: Hamar Height: 186 cm

Civil Status: Married Occupation: -

Hobbies: -Favourite music: -Favourite film: -

Favourite book genre: -

Favourite food: -

Greatest sport moment: Swedish

Champion 2012

Sport idol: Mats Trygg

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

Previous results:

OG: 2010: 10

WCh: 2000: 10, 2001: 15, 2002: 3 (1-B). 2003: 2 (1-B), 2004: 2 (1-A), 2005: 1 (1-A), 2006; 11, 2007; 14, 2008; 8, 2009; 11, 2010: 9, 2011: Quarter Final (6), 2012: Quarter Final (8), 2013: 10

NCh: 2 x Gold Medals

Swedish Champion: 1 x Gold Medal Official matches for Norway (OG and WCh): 99 (debut 11.11.99 vs. FRA)



Holtet, Marius

Club: Färjestad BK, SWE

Previous clubs: BIK Karlskoga, Skåre BK. Houston Aeros. Louisiana IceGators.

Iowa Stars

Born: 31.08.84 - Hamar Residence: Karlstad SWF

Height: 186 cm Civil Status: Married Occupation: Hockey player Hobby: Golf

Favourite music: Random Favourite film: Braveheart Favourite book genre:

Favourite food: Fermented Trout Greatest sport moment: Swedish Gold

Medal 2011 Sport idol: -

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English.

Swedish Previous results:

OG: 2010: 10

WCh: 2003: 2 (1-B), 2006: 11, 2008: 8, 2009: 11, 2010: 9, 2011: Quarter Final (6), 2012: Quarter Final (8), 2013: 10 Swedish Champion: 2 x Gold Medals Official matches for Norway (OG and

WCh): 50 (debut 14.04.03 vs. CRO)



Olimb, Ken André Club: Düsseldorf EG. GER Previous clubs: Vålerenga, Frisk Asker.

Leksand, BIK Karlskoga Born: 21.01.89 - Oslo Residence: Düsseldorf, GER

Height: 178 cm Civil Status: Girlfriend Occupation: Hockey player Hobbies: Golf, tennis

Favourite music: Michael Jackson

Favourite book genre: Crime Favourite food: Sushi and taco Greatest sport moment: -

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English,

WCh: 2010: 9. 2011: Quarter Final (6), 2012: Quarter Final (8), 2013: 10

Official matches for Norway (OG and WCh): 28 (debut 09.05.10 vs. SWE)



Olsen, Mats Roseli

Club: Frölunda Indians. SWE Previous clubs: Furuset, Vålerenga

Born: 29.04.91 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Height: 180 cm Civil Status: Single

Occupation: Hockey player

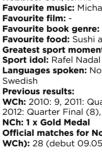
Hobby: Football

Favourite music: RnB, House Favourite film: The Shawshank

Redemption

Favourite book genre: Biographys

Favourite food: Steak





Olimb, Mathis Club: Frölunda Indians. SWE Previous clubs: Vålerenga, Manglerud/ Star, London Knights, Sarnia Sting,



**Greatest sport moment:** Reach the Quarter Final in the WCh in Stockholm 2012

**Sport idol:** Zinedine Zidane, Michael Jordan

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English Previous results:

**OG:** 2010: 10

WCh: 2012: Quarter Final (8), 2013: 10 Official matches for Norway (OG and WCh): 7 (debut 04.05.12 vs. SWE)



Roest, Niklas Club: BIK Karlskoga, SWE

Previous clubs: Manglerud/Star, Sparta

Sarpsborg

**Born:** 03.08.86 - Oslo

**Residence:** Karlskoga, SWE and Sarpsborg

Height: 173 cm

Civil Status: Girlfriend
Occupation: Hockey player
Hobby: Sports

Favourite music: Top 40 Favourite film: Semi Pro

Favourite book genre: Biography

Favourite food: Steak

**Greatest sport moment:** Norwegian Champions

Sport idol: Kjetil Andre Aamodt

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

Previous results: WCh: 2013: 10 NCh: 1 x Gold Medal

Official matches for Norway (OG and WCh): 7 (debut 04.05.13 vs. SVK)



Røymark, Martin

Club: Färjestad BK, SWE Previous clubs: Manglerud/Star, Sparta

Sarpsborg, Frölunda, Timrå **Born:** 10.11.86 – Oslo **Residence:** Karlstad, SWE

Height: 184 cm

**Civil Status:** Girlfriend **Occupation:** Hockey player

Hobby: Golf Favourite music: -Favourite film: Gladiator Favourite book genre: Crime

Favourite food: -

**Greatest sport moment:** Olympics

Vancouver 2010

Sport idol: Mario Lemieux

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

Previous results: OG: 2010: 10

**WCh:** 2008: 8, 2010: 9, 2011: Quarter Final (6), 2012: Quarter Final (8), 2013:

10

Official matches for Norway (OG and WCh): 48 (debut 03.05.08 vs. SVK)



Skrøder Per-Åge

**Club:** Modo Hockey, SWE Previous clubs: Sparta Sarpsborg, Lillehammer, Frölunda, Linköping, HV71, Södertälie. Modo

Born: 04.08.78 - Sarpsborg Residence: Örnsköldsvik, SWE

Height: 180 cm

**Civil Status:** Married - 3 Children **Occupation:** Hockey player

Hobbies: My Kids, CEO Skröder Sport Favourite music: U2,Takida Favourite film: The Shawshank

Redemption

Favourite book genre: Everything with

Jo Nesbø

Favourite food: Taco

Greatest sport moment: Norway-Sweden 5-4 WCh 2011 in Slovakia Sport idol: Mario Lemieux

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English.

German, Swedish
Previous results:

**OG:** 2010: 10

**WCh:** 1998: 5 (B), 1999: 12, 2000: 10, 2002: 3 (1-B), 2003: 2 (1-B), 2004: 2 (1-A), 2006: 11, 2007: 14, 2008: 8, 2009: 11, 2011: Quarter Final (6), 2012: Quarter Final (8), 2013: 10

Swedish Champion: 2 x Gold Medals Official matches for Norway (OG and WCh): 102 (debut 26.04.97 vs. CAN)



Thoresen, Patrick

Club: SKA St Petersburg, RUS Previous clubs: Storhamar, Moncton Wildcats, Baie-Comeay Drakkar, Mörrums GolS, Djurgården, EC Salzburg, Edmonton Oilers, Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins, Sprinfield Falcons, Philadelphia Flyers, Salvat Yulaev Ufa

Born: 07.11.83 - Oslo Residence: Norsk Height: 180 cm Civil Status: Married

Occupation: Hockey player

Hobby: Golf

Favourite music: All kinds of music
Favourite film: The Shawshank

Redemption

Favourite book genre: Millennium

Favourite food: Pasta and meat sauce

Greatest sport moment: When Norway

beat Sweden in 2011 WCh

**Sport idol:** Peter Forsberg and Espen Knutsen

**Languages spoken:** Norwegian, English, Swedish

Previous results: OG: 2010: 10

**WCh:** 2004: 2 (1-A), 2005: 1 (1-A), 2006: 11, 2007: 14, 2009: 11, 2010: 9, 2011: Quarter Final (6), 2012: Quarter

Final (8), 2013: 10

NCh: 1 x Gold Medal

Other: 1 x KHL Champion, All Star Team

in 2012 WCh

Official matches for Norway (OG and WCh): 61 (debut 12.04.04 vs. NED)







Zuccarello, Mats

Club: New York Rangers NHL, USA Previous clubs: Frisk Asker, Modo Connecticut Whale. Metallurg

Magnitogorsk

**Born:** 01.09.87 - Oslo **Residence:** USA-NYC and Oslo

Height: 172 cm Civil Status: Single

Occupation: Hockey player Hobbies: Golf, tennis Favourite music: Lumineers Favourite film: Gladiator Favourite book genre: Zlatan

Favourite food: Taco Greatest sport moment: Olympic Games Vancouver 2010

**Sport idol:** Peter Forsberg **Languages spoken:** Norwegian, English,

Swedish

Previous results: **OG:** 2010: 10

**WCh:** 2008: Quarter Final (8), 2009: 11, 2010: 9

2010. 9

NCh: 2 x Gold Medals

**Others:** 2009/10: SHL Most points by foreigner (64), SHL Most valuable player "Gold Helmet", 2011/12: AHL

All-star Game

Official matches for Norway (OG and WCh): 26 (debut 03.05.08 vs. SVK)



Olden. Sondre

Club: Vålerenga Hockey

Previous clubs: Manglerud/Star, Modo,

Erie Otters

Born: 29.08.92 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Height: 194 cm Civil Status: Single

Occupation: Hockey player Hobbies: Golf, skiing Favourite music: Avicii Favourite film: Stepbrothers Favourite book genre: I don't read

books

Favourite food: Taco

**Greatest sport moment:** When I got drafted and selected to the Olympics **Sport idol:** Peter Forsberg and Evgeni

Malkin - ice hockey players

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English.

Previous results: NCh: 1 x Gold Medal

Others: Drafted to Toronto Maple Leafs.
Official matches for Norway (OG and

WCh): 0



# Luge - a sport with traditions in Norway

Norway has a long tradition in luge, and in the 1920s it was even considered to be one of the most popular sports in the country. Anton Salvesen was the first Norwegian World Champion in luge in 1955, when the competition was held in Oslo. In the last decades the sport's popularity has decreased, but the trend seems to be shifting with an increased number of athletes recruited.

(SOCHI 2014)

Luge was included in the Olympic Program for the first time in 1964 in Innsbruck. Those Games are so far the most successful for the Norwegian Luge Federation with Rolf Gregers Strøm placing fourth.

Luge is a discipline demanding years of training to be able to control and drive a sled tuned for high speed. The start is technically challenging and large amounts of explosive power is needed to get the athlete shooting off the start handles before laying down on his/her back. The main challenge is to find the ideal line in each curve to increase the acceleration.

The Norwegian team consists of three childhood friends from Oslo having developed in fierce competition with each other. This has led to Jo Alexander Koppang being one of the fastest to start in the world. Thor Haug Nørbech is also a fast starter and might even be better when it comes to accelerating down the track and utilising the G-force. Tønnes Stang Rolfsen's strength is in finding the best lines in the track.

More info: www.nabsf.no





Walden, Bengt
Born: 16.04.1973 - Nacka, SWE
Residence: Lake Placid, USA
Head Coach
1st OG as Team Official
Four x participant OG (Sweden 1994, 1998, 2002, USA 2010)



Kristiansen, Arnfinn Born: 10.12.71 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Physical coach 1st OG as Team Official OG participant 98, 2002, bob



Wedege, Pia Born: 16.05.71 - Oslo Residence: Nesodden Sports Chief 1st OG as Team Official OG participant 1994

#### **ATHLETES**



Rolfsen, Tønnes Stang Club: Akeforeningen i Oslo Born: 21.01.88 – Oslo Residence: Oslo Height: 186 cm Civil Status: Single Occupation: Student Hobbies: Golf, volleyball

Favourite music: A bit of everything Favourite film: Forrest Gump Favourite book gerre: Crime, novels

Favourite food: Taco

Greatest sport moment: Cross country

WC Oslo 2012

**Sport idol:** Armin Zöggeler **Languages spoken:** English, a little

German
Previous results:
WCh: 12: 28
ECh: 13: 21



Nørbech, Thor Haug Club: Akeforeningen i Oslo Born: 29.12.88 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Height: 175 cm Civil Status: Single Occupation: Athlete



**Hobbies:** Film, books, football, volleyball

Volleybai

Favourite music: Rock, chill out Favourite film: Pulp Fiction Favourite book genre: Crime, science

fiction

Favourite food: Pasta/pizza

Greatest sport moment: Norway's 2-1 win over Brazil football-WC 1988 Sport idol: Ole Gunnar Solskjær Languages spoken: English

Previous results: WCh: 13: 22 ECh: 13: 16



Koppang, Jo Alexander Club: Akeforeningen i Oslo Born:10.07.88 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Height: 180 cm

Civil Status: Single
Occupation: Student/athlete
Hobbies: Skiling, volleyball, film
Favourite music: Metallica
Favourite film: Snatch
Favourite book genre: Crime

Favourite food: Pasta Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

Previous results:

WCh: 13: 11 ECh: 10: 18



# Strong Nordic Combined athletes ready for Sochi

The Norwegian Nordic Combined Team going to the Olympics in Sochi is maybe the strongest ever in modern times. This season the team has performed great from the very beginning and Norway is top of the Nations Cup with 571 points ahead of Germany. At the recent World Cup in Chaux Neuve, Norway took the entire 346 total points with a triple victory and another three athletes in the top nine. Never before has one nation gained so many points in a single contest.

Every single athlete in the Norwegian Nordic Combined Team has had at least one individual podium appearance so far this season. After 12 World Cup races so far this season Norway's results are 15 individual podiums and four Team Competition podiums.

Magnus Moan and Håvard Klemetsen will both compete in the Olympics for the third time. Moan is the only one in the team with individual Olympic medals; he won silver and bronze in Turin 2006. The experienced, but still young Mikko Kokslien will participate for his second time and is ready for Olympic medals. Our Olympic rookies

Jørgen Graabak and Magnus Krog are strong and are also aiming for individual medals.

Nordic Combined has long traditions. The sports discipline is often referred to as Norway's show-off sport due to the combination of ski jumping and cross-country skiing. But unfortunately Norway has not won any indivual or team gold medals since the Olympics in Nagano in 1998. Bjarte Engen Vik's results in Nagano showed he is one of the greatest Nordic Combined athletes of all time.

With no Olympic gold medals for 14 years the Nordic Combined squad is focused on winning and continuing the strong traditions of the sport in the Olympics in Sochi. It's time to win the gold and take it back home to Norway again!

More info: www.skiforbundet.no



Hammer, Kristian Born: 20.03.76 - Narvik Residence: Råholt Head Coach 2nd OG as Team Official 3 OG's as Athlete



Haugen, Tom Idar Born: 28.10.79 - Porsgrunn Residence: Brøttum Head of Waxing Team 3rd OG as Waxing Personnel



Ingebrigtsen, Bjørn Kåre Born: 26.11.79 – Trondheim Residence: Trondheim Coach – Ski Jumping & Cross Country I<sup>st</sup> OG as Coach



Belsvik, Idar Terje Born: 23.06.59 - Rognes Residence: Rognes Waxing Personnel 2nd OG as Waxing Personnel



Huber, Nik Born: 17.07.69 - Bad Ischl, AUT Residence: Tauplitz, AUT Coach - Ski Jumping Nordic Combined 1st OG as Coach



Ryen, Kåre Håkon Born: 14.05.80 - Kongsberg Residence: Brøttum Waxing Personnel 1st OG as Waxing Personnel





Selieset, Johnny Ståle Born: 15.05.72 - Ålesund Residence: Hornindal **Waxing Personnel** 3rd OG as Waxing Personnel



Enger, Erling Rolland Born: 29.12.79 - Kongsberg Residence: Hokksund **Waxing Personnel** 1st OG as Waxing Personell

#### **ATHLETES**



Kokslien. Mikko Club: Søre Ål Idrettslag Born: 10.03.85 - Lillehammer Residence: Lillehammer Height: 186cm

Civil Status: Single

Occupation: Nordic Combined Athlete Hobbies: Backcountry Skiing, Scuba diving, golf, hiking Favourite music: Reggae, Rock, Singer/

Favourite film: One Flew Over the

Cuckoo's Nest

Favourite book genre: Lifestyle,

philosophy

Favourite food: Seafood

Greatest sports moment: 1st WC Victory 04.12.10 at Lillehammer and AC Milan vs. Liverpool, Champions League 2005 Istanbul

Sports idol: Michael Jordan

Languages spoken: Norwegian, Finnish, English and a bit German

Previous results:

OG'10: 39 - Gundersen LH 10k. 32 -

Gundersen NH 10k

WCh'11: 3 - Team 09: 3 - Team NCh: 5 individual gold medals

WC: 5 victories



Moan, Magnus Hoydal Club: Bvåsen IL

Born: 26 08 83 - Lillehammer Residence: Trondheim

Height: 190 cm Civil Status: Married Occupation: Athlete

Hobbies: Skiina, hikina, aolf, bikina,

motorbikes

Favourite music: Hellbillies, Metallica

Favourite food: Fish Greatest sports moment: First

world cup victory. Gold medal team

Oberstdorf 2005

Sports idol: Susann Pettersen Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

Previous results:

**OG'06:** 2 - Sprint 7.5k. 3 - Individual Gundersen 15k

WCh'09: 3 - Team. 07: 2 - Sprint, 3 - Individual Gundersen, 05: 1 - Team

Silver, 2 - Sprint

NCh: 5 times Norwegian Champion

WC: 14 victories



Krog, Magnus Club: Høydalsmo IL Born: 19 03 87 - Porsgrunn Residence: Trondheim

Height: 187 cm

Hobbies: Skitouring, slope style skiing.

fishina

Favourite music: Pop. RnB Favourite film: Avatar

Favourite book genre: Jo Nesbø -

Crime

Favourite food: Taco

Greatest sports moment: Winning in

Kuusamo in 2011

Sports idol: Gregor Schlierenzauer. Tom Wallisch, Torstein Horgmo, Zlatan Ibrahimovic

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English.

German

Previous results:

WCh'13: 10 - K95.10k Gundersen. 2 -

K95. 4x5k Team

NCh'13: 1

Personal records: 145 m Kuusamo. Freshwater trout - 3 Kilos.

Soccer tricking - 973. Best slopestyle

trick - underflip 7.





Klemetsen, Håvard Club: Kautokeino IL Born: 05.01.79 – Kautokeino Residence: Trondheim

Height: 181 cm

Civil Status: Cohabitant

**Occupation:** Nordic Combined athlete **Hobbies:** Football, hunting, snooker,

sports in general

Favourite music: Bruce Springsteen Favourite film: Kill Buljo and Død snø Favourite book genre: Good and

interesting biographies

Favourite food: My Mother's Pizza Greatest sports moment: Winning WC for teams in Oberstdorf 2005 and Liverpool F.C. winning the Champions League same year.

**Sports idol:** Bjørn Wirkola and Steven

Gerrard

**Languages spoken:** Norwegian, English, Sami and a bit German

Previous results:

OG'06: 20 - Sprint, 40 Individual

Gundersen

WCh'13: 2 - Team, 5 - Individual Gundersen 1I: Two bronze medals Team, 4 - Individual Gundersen. 07: 3 - Team. 05: 1 - Team.

05: 1 - Team

NCh: 2 golds and 10 individual medal



**Graabak, Jørgen Nyland Club:** Byåsen IL **Born:** 26.04.1991 - Trondheim

Residence: Trondheim Height: 185 cm Civil Status: Single

Occupation: Nordic Combined Athlete Hobbies: Hiking, football, reading Favourite music: EMINEM, Volbeat Favourite film: Shawshank redemption Favourite book genre: Pop-science,

thriller

Favourite food: Tacos

Greatest sports moment: Michael Phelps, Beijing 2008, 8 gold medals Sports idol: Aksel Lund Svindal Languages spoken: Norwegian, Swedish, Danish, English and Spanish Previous results:

revious results:

**WCh'13:** 2 - Relay, 38 - Individual **NCh'12:** 1 - Individual, 2 - Relay 11: 2 -

Relav

WC: 3 podiums; 2011, 2012 and 2013



# Women to compete for the first time in Olympics

In Norway there are always high expectations for the Norwegian ski jumpers, and they are known for performing at a high level in a Championship. Besides from the Olympics in Vancouver, when they only won a bronze medal in the team competition, there are many great wins. Anders Bardal's victory in the normal hill at the World Championships in Val di Fiemme last season is one example. Bardal also won the World Cup overall in the 2011/2012 season. An impressive achievement, and he is a strong contender for medals in Sochi.

Anders Jacobsen is back after injuring his knee in Planica last season. He has convincingly improved and the former winner of the Four hills tournament will therefore be one of the contenders in the Olympics in Sochi. In addition there are several athletes in the squad who can make it to the top having done strong preparations and a lot of hard work and dedication over the recent seasons.

Head coach Alexander Stöckl has gained a lot of praise after he started his job in 2011. The 40-year-old Austrian has become very popular in Norway. Many Norwegians have won medals since the first Olympic Winter Games in Chamonix in 1924. This means Norwegian ski jumpers have a proud tradition to take care of when they arrive in Sochi

From Jacob Tulin Thamshavn's victory in 1924, and until Norway's home games in Oslo in 1952, the Norwegians were dominating the sport. Birger Ruud is maybe the greatest Olympic legend of them all. In modern Olympic history Espen Bredesen's gold and silver medals that he won on home soil at the Lillehammer Olympics in 1994, and Lars Bystøl's gold medal at the Olympics in Turin in 2006 are the highlights.

In Sochi female jumpers will compete for the first time ever in the Olympics. A chance they have fought for over years lead by Anette Sagen (did not qualify for the Olympics) who has been the foremost ambassador for the Norwegian Ski Jumping girls. She has worked enthusiastically to get girls to the ski jumping hills in Norway.

More info: www.skiforbundet.no





Bråthen, Clas Brede Born: 28.11.68 - Mjøndalen Residence: Mjøndalen Sport Director 3rd OG Ski jumper on international level from 1984-1996



Brevig, Magnus
Born: 02.12.83 - Enebakk
Birthplace: Lørenskog sykehus
Residence: Oslo
Assistant Coach - Men
1st OG as Coach



Stöckl, Alexander
Born: 11.12.73 - Innsbruck, AUT
Residence: Oslo
Head Coach - Men
1st OG as Head Coach
3rd season for Norway. Coach for the
Junior National Team of Austria. 3 times
Gold Medal Team Junior WCS. 2 Times
Gold Individ. Junior WCS. Coach at Ski
Gymnasium Stams Austria from 2000
until 2011



Meyer, Christian Born: 22.10.77 - Orkdal Residence: Hundhammeren, Malvik Head Coach - Women 1st OG as Head Coach International ski jumper 1995-2004, coach for the national women team since 2011



Herland, Claes-Tommy Born: 04.11.71 - Sarpsborg Residence: Mysen Leader 1st OG as Team Official



Kalfoss, Per Elias Born: 30.07.72 - Elverum Residence: Oslo Assistant Coach - Women 1st OG as Coach Competing in Nordic Combined until 1996, Chief of competition WC Ski Jumping, Holmenkollen, Oslo



Vilberg, Andreas Born: 14.11.85 - Bærum Residence: Lillehammer Service Man 1st OG as Team Official Former ski jumper



Hörl, Thomas Born: 20.08.81 - Saalfelden, AUT Residence: Saalfelden, AUT Service Man 1st OG as Team Official Former World Record holder in ski flying





Bardal, Anders

**Club:** Steinkjer Skiklubb **Born:** 24.08.82 - Levanger **Residence:** Trondheim

Height: 186cm

Civil Status: Married to Ingrid, two

children

**Occupation:** Ski jumper **Hobbies:** Friends and family

Favourite music: Åge Aleksandersen,

Bruce Springsteen Favourite film: -

Favourite book genre: -

Favourite food: -

**Greatest sport moment:** Winning the World Championship in Val di Fiemme

**Sport idol:** Roar Ljøkelsøy **Languages spoken:** English, some

German

**Previous results:** 

**OG:** 02: 9/Team, 27/K90, 25/K120, 10: 3/Team, 18/K90, 22/K120

WCh: 07: 2/Team, 09: 2/Team, 5/Small hill, 11: 2/Team small hill, 2/Team big hill, 7/Big hill, 9/Small hill, 13: 1/Small hill NCh: 5 individual Gold medals

Others: WC Overall winner 2011/12, 5 WC victories, 24 WC podiums after

season 2012/13

Personal best: 230 meter



Fannemel, Anders Club: Hornindal IL

**Born:** 13.05.91 – Hornindal **Residence:** Lillehammer

Height: 169 cm Civil Status: Single Occupation: Ski jumper Hobby: Skydiving

Favourite music: Rock/pop and Hip

hop/rap

Favourite film: Lord of the rings Favourite book genre: Adventure Favourite food: Mom's homemade

pizza and dad's deer roast

**Greatest sport moment:** Johan Remen Evensen 246,5m (World Record)

Vikersund 2011

**Sport idol:** Adam Małysz – Ski jumper **Languages spoken:** Norwegian, English

Previous results:

WCh Skiflying: 12: 13/Ind., 4/Team

Jr-WCh: 11: 3/Team, 4/Ind.

NCh: 12: 2/Small hill, 3/Big hill, 13: 1/Big hill, 2/Small hill

hill, 2/Small hil MC: 2 At Lillal

WC: 2. At Lillehammer in 2012 Personal best: 244,5m (Vikersund)



Velta. Rune

Club: Lommedalens IL Born: 19.07.89 - Bærum Residence: Oslo Height: 178 cm

**Civil Status:** Girlfriend **Occupation:** Ski jumper

Hobby: Sport

Favourite music: Rock - Metallica Favourite film: Catch me if you can

Favourite book genre: None

Favourite food: -

Greatest sport moment: -

Sport idol: -

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

Previous results:

WCh: 12: 2/Ski flying

WC: 13: 3 (Wisla), 2 (Planica)
NCh: 2 times Gold Medals Team. 11: 2

(big hill). 13: 2 (big hill)

Others:

Four Hill Tournament: 11 (2012), 12

(2013)

Personal best: 243 m



Jacobsen, Anders

Club: Ringkollen Skiklubb Born: 17.02.85 -Hønefoss Residence: Hønefoss

Height: 174 cm
Civil Status: Married
Occupation: Ski Jumper
Hobbies: Family. cars. nature

Favourite music: -Favourite film: -

Favourite book genre: Crime,

Favourite food: Taco
Greatest sport moment: -

Sport idol: -

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

Previous results:

OG: 10: 3/Team, 9/Normal hill, 12/ Large

hill

**WCh:** 07: 2/Team, 08: 3/Team Skiflying, 09: 2/Team, 3/Large hill, 10: 2/Team, 2/Skiflying, 2/Skiflying, 11: 2/Team

NCh: 5 x Gold Medal, 1 x Team

**Others:** 06/07: 1/Four Hills Tournament, 12/13: 2/Four Hills Tournament

Personal best: 230.5meters (Planica)







Tande, Daniel-André Club: Kongsberg IF Born: Narvik Residence: Kongsberg Height: 182 cm Civil Status: Single Occupation: Ski jumper Hobby: Music

Favourite music: AC/DC

Favourite film: The Grean Mile/ The

Shawshank Redemption

Favourite book genre: Hobbiten Favourite food: Chicken Chilli Masala

Greatest sport moment: - Sport idol: Birger Ruud

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

Previous results:

WC: 14: 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> place NCh: 14: 6<sup>th</sup> place (Large hill)

#### WOMEN



Jahr, Line Club: Vikersund IF Born: 16.01.84 – Drammen Residence: Lillehammer

Height: 164 cm

**Civil Status:** Living with my boyfriend **Occupation:** Ski jumper and telephone interviewer/interview leader

Hobby: I don't have time for that Favourite music: Pop music

**Favourite film:** Pirates of the Caribbean **Favourite book genre:** I don't read

books

Favourite food: Healthy homemade food

Greatest sport moment: When we finally got to jump Ski flying in

Vikersund in 2004

Sport idol: Usain Bolt

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English,

German

Previous results: WCh: 09: 9 (Liberec) WC: 12: 4 (Zao, JPN)

NCh: 03: 2/Small hill, 2/Big hill, 04: 3/Small hill, 3/Big hill, 05: 2/Small hill, 2/Big hill, 06: 3/Small hill, 2/Big hill, 07: 2/Small hill, 08: 1/Small hill, 2/Big hill, 09: 2/Small hill, 2/Big hill, 10: 2/Small hill, 2/Big hill, 10: 2/Small hill, 2/Big hill, 11: 2/Small hill, 3/Big hill, 12: 2/Small hill, 3/Big hill

Continental Cup (before World Cup

for girls started)

05: 1 (Bischofshofen), 08: 1 (Lillehammer), 09: 1 (Lillehammer)

Personal best: 155 m



Smeby, Helena Olsson Club: Bvåsen IL

**Club:** Byásen II.

**Born:** 15.11.83 - Torsby, SWE **Residence:** Trondheim

Height: 164 cm Civil Status: Married

Occupation: Laboratory engineer Hobbies: Ski jumping, music, books Favourite music: Arabs in Aspic, Black Sabbath, Babo Buth and 70's rock

Sabbath, Babe Ruth and 70's rock **Favourite film:** Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas, Omen, Fletch

Favourite book genre: Crime Favourite food: Moose beef Greatest sport moment: My first international victory, in Predazzo 1998

Sport idol: Noriaki Kasai Languages spoken: Norwegian, Swedish, English, German Comments: Comeback 2013

Previous results: WCh: 09: 16 (Liberec)

NCh: 09:1

Youth Olympics 2001: 2 (Voukatti, FIN) Others:

98: 1 (ITL Int. Comp. Predazzo), 02: 1 (FIS Grand Prix Schönwald), 1 (FIS Grand Prix Baiersbronn), 02: 1 Holmenkollen), 1 (Continental Cup Vikersund), 1 (Continental Cup Vikersund), 04: 1 (Continental Cup Planica)

Personal best: 174.5m (Vikersund 2004)



Lundby, Maren Olstad Club: IL Kolbukameratene Born: 07.09.94 - Gjøvik Residence: Lillehammer Height: 173 cm

Civil Status: Single
Occupation: Athlete

**Hobbies:** Sports, soccer, working as a

telephone interviewer
Favourite music: Pop/ RnB
Favourite film: Home alone
Favourite book genre: Crime

Favourite food: Taco

**Greatest sport moment:** Champions Leauge final 04/05, between Liverpool and AC Milan

Sport idol: Simon Ammann

**Languages spoken:** Norwegian, English, German (little bit), Spanish(little bit)

Previous results:

WCh: 11: 11/Normal hill, 13: 4/Mixed-Team

WCh Jr: 12: 9

**WC:** 12: 1/Mixed Competition (Lilehammer), 13: 10 (Schonach) **NCh:** 1 Gold Medal (2012), 1 Silver

Medal, 4 Bronze Medals

Personal best: 132m (Lillehammer)



ROSA KHUTOR EXTREME PARK / Olympic Capacity — 4,000 Ham stadium – 6,250 psx stadium The unique snow conditions, combined with specialized courses for ski cross, slopestyle, mogul, snowboard cross, parallel giant slalom and halfpipe events will make this facility a permanent venue for staging international events. Rosa Khutor Extreme Park has two stadiums: PSX (parallel slalom, ski cross, parallel giant slalom, slopestyle, snowboard cross) and HAM (halfpipe, aerials, moguls). (SOCH 2014)

# **Snowboarders ready for Sochi**

Snowboarding has actually evolved from surfing and skateboarding. In the late 1970s snowboarding was introduced in Norway and it started at the very beginning in Molde and Oslo. Until the mid-eighties snowboarding was banned in alpine slopes, but today most ski resorts own snowboarding areas. The first international competition in Norway was the "Arctic Challenge" held in Lofoten in Northern Norway in 2000.

In 2012 the world's first World Cup in Snowboard was held in Oslo Winter Park, Wyller, competing in the disciplines halfpipe and slopestyle. The culture of snowboarding has a touch of an "underground feel". Its "competitive spirit" has always been toned down and the focus has been on having fun and to play. Snowboarders' concerns are focused on exclusivity, creativity, individualism, passion and community.

Today there are about 270,000 snowboarders in Norway but only 3,700 are registered in the Norwegian sports model. The main reason for this is that the environment consists of young people living for the "do it yourself"-philosophy. In many

established communities we find young people creating their own jumps and slopes organizing themselves.

When snowboarding became an official Olympic sport for the first time in Nagano 1998, Daniel Franck and Stine Brun Kjeldaas won a silver medal each in the halfpipe discipline. This was followed by Kjersti Buaas winning the bronze medal in Turin 2006. In Sochi Norway is a strong candidate for an Olympic medal in snowboard Cross, parallel slalom and slopestyle.

More info: www.snowboardforbundet.no



Harstad, Thomas Born: 25.11.80 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Sports Chief/Head Coach 1st OG as Team Official



Grimsrud, Per Iver Born: 21.09.83 - Lillehammer Residence: Oslo

**Coach** - Slopestyle and halfpipe men 1st OG as Team Official



Hylland, Sondre Born: 19.05.79 - Moss Residence: Oslo Coach - slopestyle women 1st OG as Team Official



Aunaas, Paul Born: 13.12.59 - Oslo Residence: Lillehammer Serviceman - Freestyle and Snowboard 2<sup>nd</sup> OG as Team Official





Sandbech, Ståle Club: BSJK, RK1 Born: 03.06.93 - Bærum

Residence: Rykkin Height: 178 cm Civil Status: Single Occupation: Athlete

**Hobbies:** Surfing, skateboard, tennis,

chess, bowling

Favourite music: Rock
Favourite film: Avengers
Favourite book genre: Movies
Favourite food: Pizza

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**Greatest sport moment:** No 1 overall TTR World Ranking 2012

Sport idol: Terje Håkonsen

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

Previous results:

**Others:** 13: 3 X-Games Big Air, 1 Burton High Fives, 12: 3 X-Games Air and Style,

3 Dew Tour





Bråten, Giermund Club: Torpo Born: 2310 90 - Drammen Residence: Oslo

Height: 180 cm Civil Status: Single Occupation: Snowboarder

Hobbies: Everything else

Favourite music: Hip hop and house

Favourite film: Action

Favourite book genre: Thriller Favourite food: Indian

Greatest sport moment: Is yet to be

made

Sport idol: Tiger Woods, Roger Federer Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

Previous results:

Others: 11: 1 Dew Tour. 13: 1 Mile High. 2 High Roller Heavenly, 3 Toyota Big Air

Japan



Horamo, Torstein Club: Vassfjellet snowboardklubb Born: 18.02.87 - Trondheim Residence: Oslo. Norway - Encinitas.

CA, USA Height: 173 cm Civil Status: Single Occupation: Snowboarder Hobbies: Surfing, skateboarding, music Favourite music: Hip hop, dubstep Favourite food: Healthy food Greatest sport moment: X-Games Big Air gold 2013

Sport idol: Petter Northug, Aksel Lund Svindal, Kelly Slater

Languages spoken: English, Norwegian

Previous results:

Others: 13: 1 X-Games Big Air, 1 WC Czech republic slopestyle. 11: X-Games

Bia Air



Ulsletten, Emil Andre

Club: Dombås Alpin and Snowboard Born: 16.05.93 - Lillehammer

Residence: Dombås Height: 180 cm Civil Status: Single

Occupation: Snowboard Hobbies: Snowboard, hunting, football.

much more

Favourite music: Listen to everything.

except dubstep

Favourite film: Walk the Line Favourite food: Reindeer

Greatest sport moment: Manchester United won Champions League 1999 Languages spoken: Norwegian, English, Spanish and a little bit German

Previous results:

WC: 13: 3 Big Air Davos, 4 slopestyle

Copper Mountain

Other: 13: 1st Five-star slopestyle Whistler, 1st Burn River Jump

#### **WOMEN - SLOPESTYLE**



Norendal, Silie Club: KIF Snowboard Born: 01.09.03 - Kongsberg Residence: Oslo

Height: 167 cm

Civil Status: In a relationship Occupation: Snowboard Favourite music: Aqua, pop Favourite film: Notebook, Pretty

Woman

Favourite food: Norwegian taco Greatest sport moment: European

X-Games 2013

Sport idol: Torah Bright and Kiersti

Buaas

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

Previous results:

Others: 11: 2 European X-Games, 3 US Open, 13: 1 European X-Games



Buaas, Kiersti Østgaard Club: Vassfiellet Born: 05 01 82 - Trondheim

Residence: Trondheim Height: 160 cm Civil Status: Single

Occupation: Snowboard Athlete Hobbies: Filming, photos & editing, standup paddling, yoga, diving, cooking

& learning about food, gardening,

music, traveling...

Favourite music: The Beatles, Bob Marley, Jack Johnson, Sondre Lerche. Florence & the Machine, Feist, Band Of Horses, The XX, Of Monsters & Men etc. etc..

Favourite film: Documentaries that I learn from (Food inc. Food matters. Chasing Ice, The Secret, Trashed etc.) & anything from Quentin Tarantino Favourite book genre: Spiritual

evolution & cook books

**Favourite food:** A bunch of veggies. seeds & nuts combined with intention and love...and I prefer it all organic. local and raw!

Greatest sport moment: When I received 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Turin Olympics in 2006

Sport idol: Anybody who follows his or hers heart and has a big smile!

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English and some French. Italian and German

Previous results:

**OG:** 02: 4 Halfpipe, 06: 3 Halfpipe, 10:

22 Halfpipe

Others: 08: 1 overall US Open (halfpipe, slopestyle & quarterpipe), 09: 1 Overall European Open (halfpipe & slopestyle), 10: 2 X-Games slopestyle, 12: 3 X-Games slopetyle, 13: 3 X-Games slopestyle, FIS Overall Champion slopestyle



# **MEN - SNOWBOARD CROSS**



Sivertzen, Stian Club: KIF Snowboard Born: 28.03.89 - Drammen Residence: Kongsberg Height: 194 cm Civil Status: Single

Occupation: Snowboarding Hobbies: Snowboarding, surfing, underwater rugby, Frisbee golf Favourite music: Listen to all kinds of

music

Favourite film: Action Favourite food: Pizza

Greatest sport moment: WSC - 13 Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

Previous results: **OG:** 10: 24 SBX WCh: 13: 3 SBX JWCh: 07: 1

Others: 09: 3 X-Games

#### WOMEN - SNOWBOARD CROSS



Olafsen, Helene Club: Kolbotn II Born: 21.02. 90 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Height: 168 cm

Civil Status: Bovfriend Occupation: Snowboarder

Hobbies: Snowboarding and other fun activities. Spending time with friends

and family Favourite music: You'll find everything

in my music library

Favourite film: If I have to name one: The Shawshank Redemption

Favourite book genre: Historic novels or humoristic books with fun language

Favourite food: Pancakes

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

Previous results: WCh: 13: 3 SBX

Other: 13: 3 WC Montafon, Lake Louis

## WOMEN - PARALLEL SLALOM



Engeli, Hilde Katrine Club: Dombås II Born: 04.08.88 - Dombås Residence: Dombås Height: 174 cm

Occupation: Snowboarder

Hobbies: Snowboard and other sports.

music

Favourite music: Melodious and

harmonious

Favourite book genre: Non-fiction Favourite food: "Morr" and thin

pancake of rolled dough

Greatest sport moment: Winning the World Championship in La Molina, 2011 Sport idol: Line Lunde Østvold

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English, German

Previous results: WCh: 11: 1, 13: Twice no 4

WC: 13: 1 Arosa



# Great traditions in Norwegian speed skating

Starting with Axel Paulsen becoming the "Amateur Champion of the World" in 1884 there is no doubt Norway has long and great traditions in speed skating. Paulsen was followed by the most winning Norwegian Olympian ever, Ivar Ballangrud, as well as the leading personality of the 1952 Olympics, Hialmar "Hiallis" Andersen. nicknamed "King Happy". It is 30 years since Biørg Eva Jensen won her gold medal skating the 3000 meter in the Lake Placid Olympics 1984.

Four time Olympic champion Johann Olav Koss retired after the Lillehammer Games in 1994. He won his first Olympic gold medal in Albertville in 1992 and another three at Lillehammer in 1994. In Nagano 1998 Ådne Søndrål followed up the Norwegian success with a gold medal. In Salt Lake City 2002 Ådne Søndrål and Lasse Sætre achieved a bronze medals each. The Olympic Games in Turin 2006 were a great disappointment with no Norwegian speed skating medals. Håvard Bøkko won a bronze medal in the Vancouver Olympics in 2010.

In Sochi Norway has qualified for both men and women's team pursuit where eight nations will compete. In the individual disciplines Norway has several medal candidates. Håvard Bøkko will defend his Olympic medal in the 1500 m. Head Coach and former Olympian Jarle Pedersen's son Sverre Lunde Pedersen is one of the contenders in both the 1500 m and 5000 m. Sverre was the Junior World Champion both in 2011 and 2012 and is one of the greatest talents in Norwegian speed skating. In 2010 Sverre, then 17, was in the Olympic squad as a reserve. 21-year-old Håvard Holmefiord Lorentzen is an interesting young lad who specializes on the 1000 m. In Ida Niåtun (23) we trust when it comes to the female side, especially in the 1500 m and 3000 m.

The goal for the Norwegian Speed Skating team in Sochi 2014 is to achieve two Olympic medals. The focus is on 1500 m men and men's team pursuit.

More info: www.skoyteforbundet.no





Haugen, Øystein Born: 07.11.71 - Lørenskog Residence: Frogner Team Leader/Sports Director 3rd OG as Team Official



Pedersen, Jarle Born: 15.06.1955 - Kåfiord Residence: Os, Bergen **Head Coach** 3rd OG as Team Official Former athlete in OG 1980 (6th - 500 m)



Skarli, Sondre Dølemo Born: 22 04 86 - Arendal Residence: Amli Coach 1st OG as Team Official



Andersen, Petter Born: 02.01.74 - Lørenskog Residence: Oslo Equipment 2<sup>nd</sup> OG as Team official Former athlete in OG 2002 and 2006 (7<sup>th</sup> - 1500 m)

# MEN



Bøkko, Håvard Club: Hol II

Born: 02.02.1987 - Ringerike Residence: Geilo and Hamar

Height: 182 cm Civil Status: Girlfriend Occupation: Speed skater Hobbies: Fishing, hunting, hiking, skiing. Follow all kinds of sport Favourite music: Almost everything. Depends of my mood!

Favourite film: ... I'm waiting for it! Favourite book genre: I'm not reading books. Internet got everything! Favourite food: Pizza, pasta chicken

winas

Greatest sport moment: Follow the Tour de France 2009, 2011 and 2013 Sports idol: Lance Armstrong was on the top of the list - now he is at the bottom. So I'm not sure anymore Languages spoken: Norwegian, English and 15 % German

Previous results:

OG: 06: 4/Team Pursuit, DNF/1500m. 10: 3/1500 m. 4/Team Pursuit WCh: 08: 2/All round, 09: 2/All round. 10: 3/All round, 11: 2/All round, 13: 2/All round. Single Distances: 09: 2/5000 m, 2/10000 m, 11: 1/1500m, 12: 3/1500m ECh All round: 06: 3, 08: 2, 09: 2, 10: 3.

11: 3. 12: 2. 13: 3

NCh: 33 Gold medlas - 6 x All round. 1 x Sprint and 26 Single distances Other: Junior World Record holder

5000m. Junior World Champion 2006 Personal records: (per 13.01.14): 500 m - 35.85, 1000 m - 1.08.42, 1500 m - 1.42,67, 3000 m - 3.39,29, 5000 m -

6.09.94. 10000 m - 12.53.89

geniuses like Mr. Tarantino and other movies like mafia/mob wars

Favourite book genre: Crime (e.g. by the Norwegian author Jo Nesbø), or ideological books like «1984» by George Orwell or «The Fountainhead» by Avn Rand Favourite food: Maybe taco. It's easy to make at home, and it tastes great. When I'm in North-America, I always enjoy hot chicken wings, that's also one of my favourites

Greatest sport moment: Being the first Norwegian skater ever to race sub-35 seconds in the 500m

Sport idol: -

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English.

some German Previous results:

WCh: 11: 15/1000 m. 16/500m

WC: 11: 9/11

NCh: 12: 1/500m 13: 1/500 m Personal records: (per 13.01.14): 100 m - 9.68, 500 m - 34.73 (NR).

1000 m - 1.08.90



Hvammen, Espen Aarnes Club: Eidsvold Turn Skøyter Born: 13.11.88 - Minnesund Residence: Oslo/Inzell, GER

Height: 183 cm Civil Status: Girlfriend

Occupation: Speed skater and

medicine student

Hobbies: Sports, brewing and drinking coffee, watching TV-shows, politics Favourite music: I'm into a lot of different music, it depends on my mood, but lately I've been listening to a lot of house, dub step and other electronic music

Favourite film: There are so many good movies to choose from. It is really hard to pick only one, when you have



Lorentzen, Håvard Holmefjord

Club: Fana IL

Born: 02.10.92 - Bergen Residence: Bergen Height: 187 cm Civil Status: Single Occupation: Speed skater

Hobbies: Football. TV-series. friends Favourite music: Metal, John-Olav

Nilsen and the gang

Favourite film: Lord of the Rings Favourite book genre: Sports

biographies

Favourite food: Tandoori Chicken Greatest sport moment: Magnus Carlsen.



World Champion Chess 2013 **Sports idol:** Zlatan – football player **Languages spoken:** Norwegian, English, un poco Spanish

Previous results:

**WCh:** 12: Sprint: 26, 24/1500 m **WCh jr:** 10: 1/TP, 11: 4/1000 m, 3/1500 m, 2/TP, 12: 1/1000 m, 3/1500 m, 1/TP **WC:** 11: 9/1000 (Heerenveen), 13: 4/TP (Salt Lake City)

Personal records: (per 13.01.14): 500 m - 35.49, 1000 m - 1.07.95 (NR), 1500 m - 1.144,45, 3000 m - 3.49,83, 5000 m - 6.39.99, 10000 m - 14.40.65



Pedersen, Sverre Lunde

Club: Fana IL

Born: 17.07.92 - Bergen Residence: Os, Bergen Height: 180 cm Civil Status: Single

**Occupation:** Speed skater **Hobbies:** Sports, TV-series/shows

Favourite music: Various
Favourite film: Step Brothers
Favourite book genre: Crime

Favourite food: Taco

**Greatest sports moment:** Usain Bolt – World Record 100 m (9,58) WCh Berlin **Sports idol:** Alexander Dale Oen

Languages spoken: Norwegian,

English, German **Previous results: OG:** 10: Reserve

WCh: 12: 8/All round, 5/1500 m, 13: 4/ All round, 5/1500 m, 7/5000 m WCh jr: 10: 1/Team Pursuit, 4/All round, 11: 1/All round, 1/1500 m, 1/5000 m, 2/ Team Pursuit, 12: 1/All round, 1/1500 m, 1/5000 m, 1/Team Pursuit **ECh:** 12: 2/1500 m, 7/All round, 13: 3/1500 m, 3/5000 m, 4/All round **Personal records:** (per 13.01.14): 500 m - 36,56, 1000 m - 1.11,23, 1500 m - 1.43,25, 3000 m - 3.42,25, 5000 m 6.10,47, 10000 m - 13 08 82



Nilsen, Simen Spieler Club: Arendal Skøiteklubb Born: 04.08.93 - Arendal Residence: Arendal

**Height:** 185 cm **Civil Status:** In a relationship

Occupation: Speed skater Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, wildlife

Favourite music: EDM
Favourite film: Step Brothers

Favourite book genre: ....

**Favourite food:** Pinnekjøtt (salted and dried ribs of mutton)

Greatest sports moment: -Sports idol: Ole Einar Bjørndalen Languages spoken: Norwegian and

English

Previous results:

**WCh jr:** 10: 1/Team Pursuit, 11: 2/All round, 2/Team Pursuit, 3/5000 m, 12: 1/ Team Pursuit, 2/5000 m, 3/All round, 13: 2/All round, 3/1500 m, 3/5000 m

ECh: 13: 5/500m NCh: 12: 3/All round, 13: 3/All round Personal records: (per 13.01.14): 500 m - 36,37, 1000 m - 1.11,70, 1500 m -1.46,65, 5000 m - 6.26,26, 10000 m

- 13.55.90

#### WOMEN



Bøkko, Hege Club: Hol IL

**Born:** 05.09.91 – Hønefoss **Residence:** Oslo and Hovet

Height: 173 cm

**Civil Status:** In a relationship **Occupation:** Speed skater

**Hobbies:** Skiing, fishing, interior design **Favourite music:** Hellbillies, radio hits

Favourite film: "Flåklypa"

Favourite book genre: Not a big reader Favourite food: Taco, sushi

Greatest sport moment: Sports idol: Shani Davis
Languages spoken: Norwegian,

English and some German

Previous results:

**OG:** 10: 10/1000m 14/1500 m

**WCh:** 09: 23/Sprint, 10: 13/All round, 11: 5/Team Pursuit, 9/1500 m, 17/All round, 23/Sprint, 12: 12/1500 m, 16/All round **WCh ir:** 6 Silver medals, 1 Bronze medal

ECh: 12: 12

NCh: 09: 1/Sprint, 3/All round, 10: 1/ Sprint, 11: 1/Sprint, 3/All round, 12: 1/ All round - 5 x Gold medals single distances, 9 Silver medals, 9 Bronze medals

**Personal records:** (per 13.01.14): 500 m - 39,05, 1000 m - 1.16.43, 1500 m - 1.57,91, 3000 m 4.12,81, 5000 m - 7.42,10



Farestveit, Camilla H. Hallås

Club: Bergen SK Born: 05.12.89 - Bergen Residence: Bergen Height: 179 cm Civil Status: Single

Occupation: Student and personal trainer Hobbies: Coaching, watching movies Favourite music: Kurt Nilsen Favourite film: Ice Age, Varg Veum

Favourite book genre: Crime novels Favourite food: Oatmeal, sushi Greatest sport moment: Gold on 3000

m in my first NCh jr 2005

Sports idol: Maren Haugli

Languages spoken: Norwegian

Previous results:

**WCh Student:** 13: 2/5000 m, 3/Team

Pursuit

NCh: 10: 2/5000 m, 13: 2/5000 m, 3/ Sprint, 14: 3/3000 m, 3/All round Personal records: (per 13.01.4): 500 m – 42,15, 1000 m – 1.23,17, 1500 m – 2.00,28, 3000 m – 4.12,16, 5000 m –







Hemmer, Mari Club: Aktiv Skøyteklubb Born: 20.11.83 - Oslo Residence: Oslo Height: 167 cm

**Civil Status:** Unmarried **Occupation:** Speed skater, substitute

high school teacher

**Hobbies:** Knitting, reading **Favourite music:** Florence, The Machine

Favourite film: Lord of the Rings
Favourite book genre: Fantasy, science

fiction

**Favourite food:** Home baked bread **Greatest sport moment:** Cindy Klassen's World Record at 2006 WCh

All round

Sports idol: Maren Haugli

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English Previous results:

WCh: 11: 5/Team Pursuit. 10/3000 m

ECh: 11: 7/All round

NCh: 18 Individual Gold medals Personal records: (per 13.01.14): 500 m – 40,51, 1000 m – 1.19,56, 1500 m – 1.57,52, 3000 m – 4.05.98, 5000 m – 7.01.02.

10000 m - 14.47,49



Njåtun, Ida Club: Asker SK Born: 06.02.91 – Bærum Residence: Asker Height: 179 cm Civil Status: Single Occupation: Athlete Hobbies: Music, movies Favourite music: Muse Favourite film: Forrest Gump Favourite book genre: Crime Favourite food: Taco

Greatest sport moment: -Sports idol: -

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English,

some German

Previous results:

WC: 10: 2/1500 m (Berlin)

NCh: 11: 1/All round, 13: 1/All round, 9 Gold medals in single distances, 3 times NCh jr Personal records: (per 13.01.14): 500 m - 39,36, 1000 m - 1.16,12, 1500 m - 1.54,09, 3000 m - 4.01,47, 5000 m - 7.09,41

# SPORTS HISTORY

NORWEGIAN GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

- SUMMER GAMES
- WINTER GAMES

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Norway has participated in the Olympic Games since year 1900 (Paris).

Summer Games:				
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1900 Paris	8 athletes	2 1-1	1 silver	2 bronze
1906 Athens	26 athletes	2 gold	1 silver	
1908 London		2 gold		
1912 Stockholm	191 athletes	4 gold	1 silver	5 bronze
1920 Antwerp	190 athletes	13 gold	8 silver	9 bronze
1924 Paris	62 athletes	5 gold	2 silver	3 bronze
1928 Amsterdam	51 athletes	1 gold	2 silver	1 bronze
1932 Los Angeles	5 athletes -	no medals	······································	••••••••••••
1936 Berlin	72 athletes	1 gold	3 silver	2 bronze
1948 London	79 athletes	1 gold	3 silver	3 bronze
1952 Helsinki	105 athletes	3 gold	2 silver	
1956 Melbourne	18 athletes	1 gold	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2 bronze
1960 Roma	42 athletes	1 gold		
1964 Tokyo	26 athletes -	no medals	-	
1968 Mexico	47 athletes	1 gold	1 silver	
1972 Munich	116 athletes	2 gold	1 silver	1 bronze
1976 Montreal	64 athletes	1 gold	1 silver	•••••••••••
1984 Los Angeles	107 athletes	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	1 silver	2 bronze
1988 Seoul	71 athletes	2 gold	3 silver	
1992 Barcelona	95 athletes	2 gold	4 silver	1 bronze
1996 Atlanta	98 athletes	2 gold	2 silver	3 bronze
2000 Sydney	96 athletes	4 gold	3 silver	3 bronze
2004 Athens	50 athletes	5 gold	······································	1 bronze
2008 Beijing	91 athletes	3 gold	5 silver	1 bronze
2012 London	64 athletes	2 gold	1 silver	1 bronze

Total number of medals in Summer Games: 149 (58 gold, 48 silver, 43 bronze)

## Winter Games:

1924 Chamonix	14 athletes	4 gold	7 silver	6 bronze
1928 St. Moritz	28 athletes	6 gold	4 silver	5 bronze
1932 Lake Placid	19 athletes	3 gold	4 silver	3 bronze
1936 Garmisch Partenkirchen	30 athletes	7 gold	5 silver	3 bronze
1948 St. Moritz	49 athletes	4 gold	3 silver	3 bronze
1952 Oslo	76 athletes	7 gold	3 silver	6 bronze
1956 Cortina	43 athletes	2 gold	1 silver	1 bronze
1960 Squaw Valley	29 athletes	3 gold	3 silver	
1964 Innsbruck	57 athletes	3 gold	6 silver	6 bronze
1968 Grenoble	65 athletes	6 gold	6 silver	2 bronze
1972 Sapporo	69 athletes	2 gold	5 silver	5 bronze
1976 Innsbruck	88 athletes	3 gold	3 silver	1 bronze
1980 Lake Placid	66 athletes	1 gold	3 silver	6 bronze
1984 Sarajevo	64 athletes	3 gold	2 silver	4 bronze
1988 Calgary	66 athletes		3 silver	2 bronze
1992 Albertville	83 athletes	9 gold	6 silver	5 bronze
1994 Lillehammer	94 athletes	10 gold	11 silver	5 bronze
1998 Nagano	84 athletes	10 gold	10 silver	5 bronze
2002 Salt Lake	82 athletes	13 gold	5 silver	7 bronze
2006 Turin	74 athletes	2 gold	8 silver	9 bronze
2010 Vancouver	99 athletes	9 gold	8 silver	6 bronze

Total number of medals in Winter Games: 303 (107 gold, 106 silver, 90 bronze)

Athens 1896	Norway didn't participate
Paris 1900	No gold medals
St. Louis 1904	Norway didn't participate
Athens 1906 Gudbrand G. Skatteboe20 men team	
London 1908 Albert Helgerud 6 men team	
Stockholm 1912 "Magda IX", Alfred G. Garmann Larsen w/crew "Taifun", Thoralf Glad w/crew	Sailing 8 m
Berlin 1916	Cancelled
Antwerp 1920  "Heira II", Johan Friele w/crew  "Atlanta", Henrik Østervold w/crew  "Mosk II", Charles Archer Arentz w/crew  "Eleda", Erik Herseth w/crew.  "Sildra", Magnus Konow w/crew  "Irene", Carl August Ringvold seniorw/crew  "Jo", Andreas B. Brecke w/crew  Helge Løvland  Otto M. Olsen  Ole A. Lilloe-Olsen  5 men team  5 men team  Otto M. Olsen  Otto M. Olsen	Sailing 12 m old Sailing 10 m new Sailing 10 m old Sailing 10 m old Sailing 8 m new Sailing 8 m old Sailing 6 m new Athletics heptathlon Shooting single shot deer Shooting double shot team Shooting double shot team
Paris 1924 Ole A. Lilloe-Olsen	Shooting single shot teamBoxing heavyweightSailing 8 mSailing 6 m
Los Angeles 1932	No medals
Berlin 1936 Willy Røgeberg	Shooting miniature rifle

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1940-1944	No Olympic Games
<b>London 1948</b> "Pan", Thor Thorvaldsen, Hakon Barfod, Sigve Lie	Sailing Drake
Helsinki 1952 "Pan", Thor Thorvaldsen, Hakon Barfod, Sigve Lie John H. Larsen Erling Kongshaug	Shooting running deer
Melbourne 1956 Egil Danielsen	Athletics javelin
Rome 1960 "Sirene", Peder Lunde jr, Bjørn Bergvall	Sailing Flying Dutchman
Tokyo 1964	No medals
Mexico City 1968 Steinar Amundsen, Egil Søby, Tore Berger, Jan Johansen	Kayak K-4 1000 m
Munich 1972 Knut KnudsenLeif Jenssen	
Montreal 1976 Alf and Frank Hansen	Rowing double sculls
Moscow 1980	Norway didn't participate
Los Angeles 1984	No gold medals
Seoul 1988 Jon Rønningen	
Barcelona 1992 Jon RønningenLinda Andersen	
Atlanta 1996 Knut Holmann Vebjørn Rodal	
Sydney2000 Knut Holmann	Kayak K-1 500 m Athletics javelin

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Athens 2004	
Andreas Thorkildsen	Athletics javelin
Eirik Verås Larsen	Kayak K-1 1000 m
Gunn-Rita Dahle	Mountain Bike
Olaf Tufte	Rowing single sculls
Siren Sundby	Sailing Europe
Beijing 2008	
Olaf Tufte	Rowing single sculls
Andreas Thorkildsen	Athletics javelin
Norway	Handball women
London 2012	
Norway	Handball women
Firik Verås Larsen	Kayak K-1 1000 m

Innsbruck 1964

Grenoble 1968

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Chamonix 1924	
Thorleif Haug	Cross-country 18 km
Thorleif Haug	Cross-country 50 km
Thorleif Haug	Nordic combined
Jacob Tullin Thams	Ski-jumping
St. Moritz 1928	
Johan Grøttumsbråten	
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Alf Andersen	
Bernt Evensen	
Ivar Ballangrud	
Sonja Henie	Figure skating
Lake Placid 1932	
Johan Grøttumsbråten	
Birger Ruud	
Sonja Henie	Figure skating
Garmisch-Partenkirchen 1936	
Oddbjørn Hagen	
Birger Ruud	
Ivar Ballangrud	
Charles Mathiesen	
Ivar Ballangrud	
Ivar Ballangrud	
Sonja Henie	Figure Skating
St. Mortiz 1948	
Petter Hugsted	
Finn Helgesen	
Sverre Farstad	
Reidar Liaklev	Speed skating 5000 m
Oslo 1952	
Hallgeir Brenden	-
Simon Slåttvik	
Arnfinn Bergmann	, , ,
Stein Eriksen	
Hjalmar Andersen	
Hjalmar Andersen	
Hjalmar Andersen	Speed skating 10000 m
Cortina 1956	
Hallgeir Brenden	
Sverre Stenersen	Nordic combined
Squaw Valley 1960	
Håkon Brusveen	
Roald Aas	
Knut Johannesen	Speed Skating 10000 m

Harald Grønningen	Cross-country 15 km
Ole Ellefsæter	Cross-country 50 km
Norway (Odd Martinsen, Pål Tyldum,	
Harald Grønningen, Ole Ellefsæter)	Cross-country 4x10 km Relay
Norway (Inger Aufles, Babben Engen Damor	),
Berit Mørdre)	Cross-country 3x5 km Relay
Fred Anton Maier	Speed skating 5000 m
Magnar Solberg	Biathlon
Sapporo 1972	
Pål Tyldum	Cross-country 50 km
Magnar Solberg	
Innsbruck 1976	
Ivar Formo	
Jan Egil Storholt	
Sten Stensen	Speed skating 5000 m
Lake Placid 1980	0 111 7000
Bjørg Eva Jensen	Speed skating 3000 m
Saraievo 1984	
Norway (Inger Helene Nybråten, Anne Jahrei	n
Brit Pettersen, Berit Aunli)	
Tom Sandberg	
Eirik Kvalfoss	
Calgary 1988	No gold medals
Albertville 1992	
Kjetil Andre Aamodt	Alpina skiina Supar-G
Finn Christian Jagge	
Bjørn Dæhlie	
Vegard Ulvang	
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Bjørn Dæhlie	
Norway (Terje Langli, Vegard Ulvang,	Cross-country to kill rifee mass start
Kristen Skjeldal, Bjørn Dæhlie)	Cross-country 4v10 km Polav
Johann Olav Koss	
Geir Karlstad	, ,
Geli Karistau	
Lillehammer 1994	
Bjørn Dæhlie	Cross-country 10 km Classical
Bjørn Dæhlie	
Thomas Alsgaard	
Fred Børre Lundberg	
Espen Bredesen	

Lasse Kjus	Alpine skiing Combination
Stine Lise Hattestad	Freestyle skiing Moguls
Johann Olav Koss	
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Johann Olav Koss	
Johann Oldv Noss	Speed skating 10000 III
Nagano 1998	
Bjørn Dæhlie	Cross-country 10 km Classical
Thomas Alsgaard	Cross-country 15 km Free mass start
Bjørn Dæhlie	Cross-country 50 km Free
Norway (Sture Sivertsen, Erling Jevne,	, ,
Bjørn Dæhlie, Thomas Alsgaard)	Cross-country 4 x 10 km Relay
Bjarte Engen Vik	
Norway (Halldor Skard jr, Kenneth Braaten,	
Bjarte Engen Vik, Fred Børre Lundberg)	
Hans Petter Buraas	
Ådne Søndrål	
Halvard Hanevold	
Ole Einar Bjørndalen	Biathlon 10 km individual
Salt Lake 2002	
Kjetil Andre Aamodt	
Kjetil Andre Aamodt	
Ole Einar Bjørndalen	
Ole Einar Bjørndalen	Biathlon 12,5 km Pursuit
Ole Einar Bjørndalen	
Norway (Halvard Hanevold, Frode Andreser	
Egil Gjelland, Ole Einar Bjørndalen)	Biathlon 4 x 7,5 km Relay
Frode Estil	Cross-country 10 km Pursuit
Thomas Alsgaard	Cross-country 10 km Pursuit
Bente Skari	Cross-country 10 km
Tor-Arne Hetland	Cross-country Sprint 15 km
Norway (Anders Aukland, Frode Estil.	cross country opinic i,s kin
Kristen Skieldal, Thomas Alsgaard)	Cross-country 4 v 10 km Polav
Norway (Pål Trulsen, Lars Vågberg, Flemming	n Davangor
Bent Anund Ramsfiell, Torger Nergaard)	Curling mon
Kari Traa	
Ndfi ifdd	Freestyle Moguis
Torino 2006	
Kjetil Andre Aamodt	Alpine skiing Super-G
Lars Bystøl	Ski jumping K 90
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Vancouver 2010	
Aksel Lund Svindal	Alpine Skiing Super G
Tora Berger	
Emil Hegle Svendsen	
Norway (Halvard Hanevold, Tariei Bø.	
Emil Hegle Svendsen, Ole Einar Bjørndalen)	Riathlon 4 x 75 km Relay
Norway (Vibeke W Skofterud, Therese	
Johaug, Kristin Størmer Steira, Marit Bjørge	n) Cross-country 4 v 5 km Polav
Petter Northug	
Marit Bjørgen	
Marit Bjørgen	
Norway (Øystein Pettersen, Petter Northug	Cross-country leam sprint

# 86 events - 15 disciplines

Nation		Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1. Canada	*	14	7	5	26
2. Germany		10	13	7	30
3. United States		9	15	13	37
4. Norway	#=	9	8	6	23
5. South Korea	(0)	6	6	2	14
6. Switzerland	+	6	0	3	9
7. China	*)	5	2	4	11
7. Sweden		5	2	4	11
9. Austria		4	6	6	16
10. Netherlands		4	1	3	8
11. Russia		3	5	7	15
12. France		2	3	6	11
13. Australia	<b>#</b>	2	1	0	3
14. Czech Republic		2	0	4	6
15. Poland		1	3	2	6
16. Italy		1	1	3	5
17. Belarus		1	1	1	3
17. Slovakia		1	1	1	3
19. Great Britain		1	0	0	1
20. Japan		0	3	2	5
21. Croatia	***	0	2	1	3
22. Slovenia	-	0	2	1	3
23. Latvia		0	2	0	2
24. Finland		0	1	4	5
25. Estonia		0	1	0	1
25. Kazakhstan		0	1	0	1

**Note:** 86 events - 26 nations won medals 82 NOC (record) - 2.566 athletes

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17. MAI-TOG: May 17th is Norway's' National Day, and celebrates the adoption of the Constitution on the same date in 1814. May 17th is a major event in Norway, and almost all Norwegians take part in the celebrations. All Norwegian schoolchildren take part in Constitution Day parades, all of them dressed in their own local version of the national costume or their Sunday best. The forest of Norwegian flags leaves little doubt it's Norway's Constitution day that's being celebrated. Tourists from all over the world stream into Oslo to see the Children's Parade.

BINDERS: A small twist of metal wire - better known to you as a paper clip. Invented by the Norwegian Johan Vaaler in 1899. In use worldwide.

BRUNOST: A sweet, brown cheese made from cow's milk and /or goat's milk. Originally made in the mountain dairy farms, it's now found on most Norwegian breakfast tables, and is used by hundreds of thousands of people daily as a filling for their lunchtime sandwiches. More than a quarter of all cheese eaten in Norway is Brunost!

BUNAD: National costume with it's origins in peasant clothing. The various regions and districts in Norway have their own versions, and the designs indicate family or geographical ties. Almost everyone who has one wears their 'Bunad" on May 17th, Constitution Day.

HARALD HÅRFAGRE: According to the history books Harald Fairhair was the first King over a united Norway. (Approx. 865-933). The Viking Chieftain who united Norway at the Battle of Hafrsfjord near Stavanger in around 885. It is claimed that all those who have claimed the throne of Norway since are descendants of Harald Fairhair. Fairhair named Eirik Blodøks - the famous Eirik The Red - as his heir to the Throne of Norway.

HARDINGFELE: A uniquely Norwegian form of violin or fiddle with eight strings. four above and four under. The Harding Fiddle dates from around 1650, and quickly spread throughout the Norwegian valleys, gaining popularity as a folk music instrument. The fiddle can be tuned in 30 different ways.

LOFOTFISKET: An annual fisheries event from February to April for Cod and Spring Cod in the Vestfiord at Lofoten in the County of Nordland. The Vestfjord has been the most stable spawning grounds for Spring Cod for time beyond memory, and has therefore been a winter fairy tale for fishermen for more centuries than the history books can count. The Lofot Fisheries are the basis for a number of both small and large fishing boats along the coastline of Norway

LUSEKOFTE: A knitted pullover with its origins in Setesdalen in Norway, Mainly used by men since the mid-1800s. The pullover is usually "Sheep-wool-black" with a white pattern. The pattern is the "lice". Around 1920, tourists began to notice this uniquely Norwegian garment, and since then it has been one of the popular purchases made by tourists in Norway.

MIDNATTSOL: Norway is often called «The Land of the Midnight Sun». The Midnight Sun literally means that the sun never dips under the horizon, as is the case in Northern Norway during a period in the summer. There is daylight for a full 24 hours and the sun never sets. This phenomena attracts many tourist to Norway's Northern Regions. In strong contrast is the winter darkness, where the sun never shows her face, and the days are as dark as the nights.

OSTEHØVEL: A Norwegian invention in use all over the world. A tool for slicing cheese, invented by the furnituremaker Thor Bigrklund from the Olympic Town of Lillehammer. He patented the cheese slicer in 1925 and started production in 1927. Since then, his cheese slicer has enjoyed worldwide success that we Norwegians are proud of!

**SMALAHOVE:** A traditional Norwegian dish originating from the villages and hamlets of the West Country. 'Smale' is a dialect word for sheep, and "Smalahove" means sheep's head. The head is singed and/or smoked prior to boiling before being served with boiled potatoes and mashed swede. Not all Norwegian's find the dish so very appealing, with the sheep staring up at you from your plate....

THOR HEYERDAHL: Norwegian ethnographer and zoologist, who has carried out much research into the origins of the peoples of Polynesia. Heverdahl believed that Polynesia was settled by peoples from America and not from south-east Asia as was the common theory at the time. To prove that American Indians could have sailed the Pacific he carried through the famous Kon-Tiki expedition in 1947. The film of the expedition was awarded the Oscar for best documentary in 1951. Heyerdahl is also famous for the Ra, Ra II and Tigris expeditions.

TRAN: Norwegian health drink based on liver-oil from mainly cod or saithe. 'Tran', or cod- liver oil, was traditionally used both as lamp oil and as nature's medicine against a number of debilitating illnesses. Nowadays. its is highly valued due to its high percentage of non-saturated fatty acids. Many Norwegians start their day with a dessertspoon of cod-liver oil to keep healthy and in good form. Not very popular with the kids due to its somewhat special flavour....

TØRRFISK: Fisk that is not salted, but dried naturally in the wind- you may have met it as Stockfish or Bacalao. Dried either on special frames or direct on the rocks. Smells VERY strong, Is rehydrated prior to cooking. One of the oldest fish products in Norway and has been of great importance to the coastal





regions. Exported in great quantities to among other countries Portugal - Bacalao.

VIKINGSKIP: Norwegian/Nordic vessel from the Viking Era and early middle ages. The ships were used by the Vikings in both war and peace, in the latter as trading vessels. The Vikings were Nordic traders who carried out both trading missions and raids in West and Eastern Europe between 800-1050. The best known Viking Ships, The Gokstad, Tune and Oseberg can all be seen at the Viking Ship Museum at Bygdøy in Oslo.

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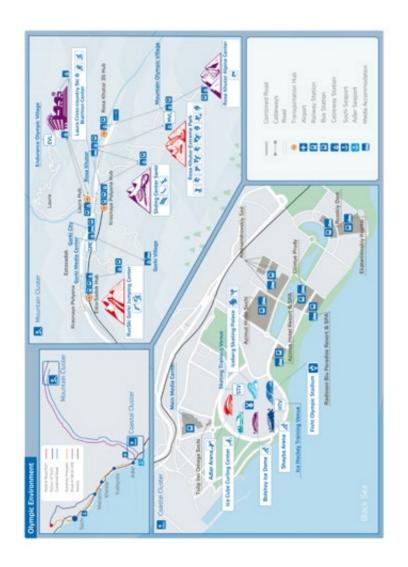
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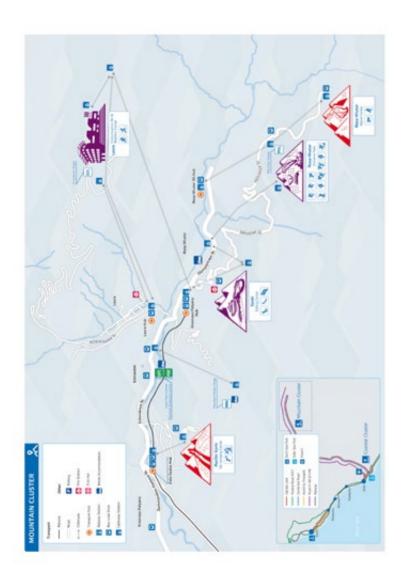
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