

Olympic Team Norway



Media Guide



Norwegian Olympic Committee

NORWAY IN 100 SECONDS

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



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Area (total):

Norway	385.155 km ²
- Svalbard	61.020 km ²
- Jan Mayen	377 km ²
Norway (not incl. Svalbard and Jan Mayen)	323.758 km ²
Bouvet Island	49 km ²
Peter Island	156 km ²
Queen Maud Land	

Population (01.01.05) 4.606.363

Main cities (01.01.03)

Oslo	521.886
Bergen	237.430
Trondheim	154.351
Stavanger	112.405
Kristiansand	75.280
Fredrikstad	61.897

Life expectancy: Men: 76,4 Women: 81,5

Length of common frontiers:

	2.542 km
- Sweden	1.619 km
- 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: Jostedalbreen 487 km²

Longest fjord: Sognefjorden 204 km

Prime Minister: Jens Stoltenberg

Head of state: H.M. King Harald V and H.M. Queen Sonja

Monetary unit: NOK (Krone)

25.01.06: 1 EUR = 8,03 NOK

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 2006 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 Norwegian Top 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.

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Abbreviations

OG: Olympic Games
WCh: World Championship
ECh: European Championship

WC: World Cup
NCh: National Championship
WR: World Record

We're going to take Turin by storm!

Photo: LARS OTTO BJØRNLIAND



We're finally ready for the Olympic Games in Turin. These will be my second Olympic Games as Chef de Mission, after I took over as Top Sports Manager just before the Olympic Games in Athens. Since the Salt Lake and Athens Games, time has flown past frighteningly quickly. It does not seem very long since the best ever Winter Olympic Games, seen with Norwegian eyes. 13 gold medals, 5 silver medals and 7 bronze

medals put us right at the top of the medal statistics, with one gold medal more than Germany. We had 11 gold medals when we left Salt Lake City, but won a further two after CAS passed judgement. I really hope it won't be necessary to award medals by post after the Turin Games, because the immediate pleasure and euphoria from winning an Olympic gold I can never be recreated later on.

We were very well prepared for Salt Lake City, and our foremost gold medal candidates performed as expected. The most impressive one, naturally, was Ole Einar Bjørndalen, who won four gold medals in the biathlon event, including the relay race. The troop we are taking to Turin is also very wide ranging, and has a good chance of winning medals in the alpine skiing, ski jumping, freestyle skiing, snowboard, curling, skating, nordic combined skiing, biathlon and cross country skiing events.

The Norwegian troop that is going to Turin is aggressively aiming to make Norway the best nation, as we were in Salt Lake City. To achieve this extremely difficult goal, the whole troop will have to perform at a very high level. As a sub-goal, we aim to win 25 medals. However, it is not certain that this will be enough for us to become the best nation. Here in the Norwegian Olympiatoppen (the organisation responsible for top-level sports at the Norwegian Olympic Committee and Confederation of Sports (NIF)) we have also set very ambitious future goals for Norwegian top-level athletes. Norway is to be the third best European nation when we add together the medals from the latest summer and winter Olympic Games. We achieved this after Salt Lake City and Athens. However, this is an extremely ambitious goal and considerable resources are needed in order to maintain this position.

Ever since the Salt Lake City Games, the candidates for Turin have gathered once or twice a year for teambuilding, development processes, goal discussions and a focus on performance. This has helped us to become a good team that feels it belongs together. The athletes have themselves determined the troop's visions at these gatherings. The troop's main vision is "We're going to take Turin by storm!" We also have a vision of how we as a team are to appear, both internally and externally: "We are to be a playful team that are close to each other and have the guts to do the extreme!" These are aggressive thoughts that have rubbed off on the entire team during the processes leading up to Turin.

I wish everyone in the Norwegian troop in Turin the very best of luck.
Let the games begin!

Jarle Aambø

Top Sports Manager
Norwegian Olympic Committee

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

Summer Games:

1900 Paris	8 athletes–	1 silver,	2 bronze
1906 Athens	26 athletes – 2 gold,	1 silver,	
1908 London	58 athletes – 2 gold,	3 silver,	3 bronze
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

Total number of medals in Summer Games:

136 (53 gold, 42 silver, 41 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

Total number of medals in Winter Games:

261 (96 gold, 90 silver, 75 bronze)

NORWEGIAN GOLD MEDAL WINNERS OLYMPIC SUMMER GAMES

Athens 1896

Norway didn't participate

Paris 1900

No gold medals

St. Louis 1904

Norway didn't participate

Athens 1906

Gudbrand G. Skatteboe Shooting free rifle

20 men team Gymnastic

London 1908

Albert Helgerud Shooting free rifle

6 men team Shooting free rifle team

Stockholm 1912

«Magda IX», Johan Anker w/crew . . Sailing 12 m

«Taifun», Thoralf Glad w/crew Sailing 8 m

24 men team Gymnastic II team

Ferdinand Bie Athletics

Berlin 1916

Cancelled

Antwerp 1920

«Heira II», Johan Friele w/crew Sailing 12 m new

«Atalanta», Henrik Østervold w/crew Sailing 12 m old

«Mosk», Chr. Archer Arentz w/crew .Sailing 10 m new

«Eleda», Erik Herseth w/crewSailing 10 m old

«Sildra», Magnus Konow w/crew . . .Sailing 8 m new

«Irene», August Ringvold w/crew . . .Sailing 8 m old

«Jo», Andreas B. Brecke w/crewSailing 6 m new

Helge Løvland Athletics heptathlon

Otto M. Olsen Shooting single shot deer

Ole A. Lilloe-Olsen Shooting double shot deer

5 men team Shooting single shot team

5 men team Shooting double shot team

Otto M. Olsen Shooting army rifle

NORWEGIAN GOLD MEDAL WINNERS OLYMPIC SUMMER GAMES

Paris 1924

- Ole A. Lilloe-Olsen Shooting double shot deer
4 men team Shooting single shot team
Otto von Porat Boxing heavyweight
«Bera», August Ringvold w/crew . . . Sailing 8 m
«Elisabeth V», Eugen Lunde w/crew .Sailing 6 m

Amsterdam 1928

- «Norna», Johan Anker, Crownprince
Olav, Erik Anker, Haakon P. Bryhn . . .Sailing 6 m

Los Angeles 1932

No medals

Berlin 1936

- Willy Røgeberg Shooting miniature rifle

1940-1944

No Olympic Games

London 1948

- «Pan», Thor Thorvaldsen,
Hakon Barfod, Sigve Lie Sailing Drake

Helsinki 1952

- «Pan», Thor Thorvaldsen,
Hakon Barfod, Sigve Lie Sailing Drake
John H. Larsen Shooting running deer
Erling Kongshaug Shooting miniature rifle

Melbourne 1956

- Egil Danielsen Athletics javelin

Rome 1960

- «Sirene», Peder Lunde Jr,
Bjørn Bergvall Sailing Flying Dutchman

Tokyo 1964

No medals

NORWEGIAN GOLD MEDAL WINNERS OLYMPIC SUMMER GAMES

Mexico City 1968

Steinar Amundsen, Tore Berger,
Jan Johansen, Egil Søby Kayak K-4 1000 m

Munich 1972

Knut Knudsen Cycling 4000 m track
Leif Jensen Weightlifting
light heavyweight

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 Wrestling 52 kg
Tor Heiestad Shooting quarry

Barcelona 1992

Jon Rønningen Wrestling 52 kg
Linda Andersen Sailing Europe

Atlanta 1996

Knut Holmann Kayak K-1 1000 m
Vebjørn Rodal Athletics 800 m

Sydney 2000

Knut Holmann Kayak K-1 1000 m
Knut Holmann Kayak K-1 500 m
Trine Hattestad Athletics javelin
Norway Football Women

Athens 2004

Andreas Torkildsen Athletics javelin
Eirik Veraas Larsen Kayak K-1 1000m
Gunn-Rita Dahle Mountain Bike-cross-country
Olaf Tufte Rowing single sculls
Siren Sundby Sailing – Europe

MEDAL CLASSIFICATIONS – LAST SIX OLYMPIC GAMES

Medal classification based on the results achieved in the last five Olympic Games (Lillehammer 1994, Atlanta 1996, Nagano 1998, Sydney 2000, Salt Lake 2002, Athens 2004).

This classification has a logic because is the first one possible after the spread out of Soviet Union and Yugoslavia.

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1. United States	140	118	102	360
2. Russia	110	94	93	297
3. Germany	81	83	86	250
4. China	78	64	49	191
5. Italy	49	44	52	145
6. France	45	37	63	145
7. Australia	44	50	58	152
8. Norway	44	31	24	99

Medals Distribution Salt Lake 2002

78 events in 7 sports

Nation:	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1. NOR	13	5	7
2. GER	12	16	8
3. USA	10	13	11
4. CAN	7	3	7
5. RUS	5	4	4
6. FRA	4	5	2
7. ITA	4	4	5
8. FIN	4	2	1
9. NED	3	5	0
10. AUT	3	4	10
11. SUI	3	2	6
12. CRO	3	1	0
13. CHN	2	2	4
14. KOR	2	2	0
15. AUS	2	0	0
16. CZE	1	2	0
17. EST	1	1	1
18. GBR	1	0	1
19. SWE	0	2	5
20. BUL	0	1	2
21. JPN	0	1	1
21. POL	0	1	1
23. BLR	0	0	1
23. SLO	0	0	1

Note: 77 NOC – 2399 athletes (1.513 men/886 women)

NORWEGIAN GOLD MEDAL WINNERS OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

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	.Cross-country 18 km
Johan Grøttumsbråten	.Nordic combined
Alf Andersen	.Ski-jumping
Bernt Evensen	.Speed skating 500 m
Ivar Ballangerud	.Speed skating 5000 m
Sonja Henie	.Figure skating

Lake Placid 1932

Johan Grøttumsbråten	.Nordic combined
Birger Ruud	.Ski-jumping
Sonja Henie	.Figure skating

Garmisch-Partenkirchen 1936

Oddbjørn Hagen	.Nordic combined
Birger Ruud	.Ski jumping
Ivar Ballangerud	.Speed skating 500 m
Charles Mathiesen	.Speed skating 1500 m
Ivar Ballangerud	.Speed skating 5000 m
Ivar Ballangerud	.Speed skating 10000 m
Sonja Henie	.Figure Skating

St. Mortiz 1948

Petter Hugsted	.Ski jumping
Finn Helgesen	.Speed skating 500 m
Sverre Farstad	.Speed skating 1500 m
Reidar Liaklev	.Speed skating 5000 m

Oslo 1952

Hallgeir Brenden	.Cross-country 18 km
Simon Slåttvik	.Nordic combined
Arnfinn Bergmann	.Ski jumping
Stein Eriksen	.Alpine skiing Giant slalom
Hjalmar Andersen	.Speed skating 1500 m
Hjalmar Andersen	.Speed skating 5000 m
Hjalmar Andersen	.Speed skating 10000 m

NORWEGIAN GOLD MEDAL WINNERS OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

Cortina 1956

Hallgeir Brenden	Cross-country 18 km
Sverre Stenersen	Nordic combined

Squaw Valley 1960

Håkon Brusveen	Cross-country 15 km
Roald Aas	Speed skating 1500 m
Knut Johannessen	Speed Skating 10000 m

Innsbruck 1964

Tormod Knudsen	Nordic combined
Toralf Engan	Ski jumping
Knut Johannessen	Speed skating 5000 m

Grenoble 1968

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 Damon, 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	Biathlon

Innsbruck 1976

Ivar Formo	Cross-country 50 km
Jan Egil Storholt	Speed skating 1500 m
Sten Stensen	Speed skating 5000 m

Lake Placid 1980

Bjørg Eva Jensen	Speed skating 3000 m
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Sarajevo 1984

Norway (Inger Helene Nybråten, Anne Jahren, Brit Pettersen, Berit Aunli)	Cross-country 4x5 km relay
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NORWEGIAN GOLD MEDAL WINNERS OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

Tom Sandberg Nordic combined
Eirik Kvalfoss Biathlon 10 km

Calgary 1988

No gold medals

Albertville 1992

Kjetil André Aamodt Alpine skiing Super-G
Finn Christian Jagge Alpine skiing Slalom
Bjørn Dæhlie Cross-country 50 km Free
Vegard Ulvang Cross-country 30 km
Classical
Vegard Ulvang Cross-country 10 km
Classical
Bjørn Dæhlie Cross-country 15 km Free
mass start
Norway (Terje Langli, Vegard
Ulvang, Kristen Skjeldal,
Bjørn Dæhlie) Cross-country 4x10 km
relay
Johan Olav Koss Speed skating 1500 m
Geir Karlstad Speed skating 5000 m

Lillehammer 1994

Bjørn Dæhlie Cross-country 10 km
Classical
Bjørn Dæhlie Cross-country 15 km Free
mass start
Thomas Alsgaard Cross-country 30 km Free
Fred Børre Lundberg Nordic combined
Espen Bredesen Ski jumping K90
Lasse Kjus Alpine skiing
Combination
Stine Lise Hattestad Freestyle skiing Moguls
Johan Olav Koss Speed skating 1500 m
Johan Olav Koss Speed skating 5000 m
Johan Olav Koss Speed skating 10000 m

NORWEGIAN GOLD MEDAL WINNERS OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

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	Nordic combined
Norway (Halldor Skard jr, Kenneth Braaten, Bjarte Engen Vik, Fred Børre Lundberg)	Nordic combined Team
Hans-Petter Buraas	Alpine skiing Slalom
Ådne Søndrål	Speed skating 1500 m
Halvard Hanevold	Biathlon 20 km individual
Ole Einar Bjørndalen	Biathlon 10 km individual

Salt Lake 2002

Kjetil Andre Aamodt	Alpine skiing Combination
Kjetil Andre Aamodt	Alpine skiing Super-G
Ole Einar Bjørndalen	Biathlon 10 km
Ole Einar Bjørndalen	Biathlon 12,5 km pursuit
Ole Einar Bjørndalen	Biathlon 20 km
Norway (Frode Andresen, Ole Einar Bjørndalen, Egil Gjelland, Halvard Hanevold)	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 1,5 km
Norway (Thomas Alsgaard, Anders Aukland, Frode Estil, Kristen Skjeldal)	Cross-country 4 x 10 km relay
Norway (Pål Trulsen, Lars Vågberg, Flemming Davanger, Bent Ånund Ramsfjell, Torger Nergaard)	Curling men
Kari Traa	Freestyle moguls



Johannessen, Karl-Arne

Born: 30.06.52 – Bergen

Residence: Oslo

President NOC

President Norwegian Olympic
Committee and Confederation of Sports

Andersen, Inge

Born: 22.05.64 – Bergen

Residence: Oslo

General Secretary NOC

General Secretary Norwegian Olympic
Committee and Confederation of Sports



Heiberg, Gerhard

Born: 24.03.39 – Oslo

Residence: Oslo

IOC Member

President Lillehammer Olympic
Organizing Committee (1989-1994)
President Lillehammer Paralympic
Organizing Committee (1989-1994)



Søndrål, Ådne

Born: 10.05.71 – Notodden

Residence: Oslo

IOC Member

Athlete in Olympic Games 1992,
1994, 1998, 2002
Gold medal winner 1500 m speed ska-
ting (1998), silver medal winner
1500m (1992), bronze medal winner
1500 m (2002)



FEDERATION PRESIDENTS



Damsås, Trond
Born: 07.04.50 – Mosvik
Residence: : Hundhamaren
Norwegian Biathlon Association

Tveit, Morten
Born: 08.01.62 – Ringsaker
Residence: Bekkestua
Norwegian Curling Association



Dyr Dahl, Bjørn
Born: 27.04.44 – Trondheim
Residence: Klæbu
Norwegian Luge, Bobsleigh and Skeleton Association

Seeberg, Sverre K.
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Residence: Oslo
Norwegian Ski Association





Keul, Ola

Born: 12.02.80 – Oslo

Residence: Oslo

Norwegian Snowboarding Federation

Andersen, Terje
Born: 04.03.52 – Tønsberg
Residence: Tønsberg
Norwegian Skaiting Association



CHEF DE MISSION



Aambø, Jarle
Born: 26.03.60 – Tingvoll
Residence: Fjellhamar
Chef de Mission
 Top Sport Manager Norwegian Olympic Committee
 1st as Chef de Mission
 2nd as Team Official
 Three OG as coach alpine skiing (1988, 1992, 1994)

Mundal, Svein
Born: 06.03.51 – Oslo
Residence: Bærum
Ass. Chef de Mission
 Village Manager: Sestriere
 Ex. Top Sport Manager Norwegian Olympic Committee
 1st as Ass. Chef de Mission
 2nd as Team Official
 One OG as coach alpine skiing (1980)
 – Chief of race in alpine skiing in OG Lillehammer 1994



Myrmæl, Marit
Born: 20.01.54 – Trondheim
Residence: Oslo
Ass. Chef de Mission
 Village Manager: Turin
 4th OG as Team Official
 Athlete cross-country skiing Olympic Games 1976-1980-1984

STAFF

Århus, Kjetil
Born: 28.12.70 – Bergen
Residence: Bergen
Adm. Personnel
(IT and Transportation)
 3rd OG as Team Official



NORWEGIAN OLYMPIC TEAM



Engeseth, Annbjørg

Born: 02.04.67 – Ålesund

Residence: Oslo

Adm. Personnel

Village Manager: Bardonecchia

2nd OG as Team Official

Koksvik, Alf
Born: 30.12.68 – Tingvoll
Residence: Tingvoll
Adm. Personnel
Village Manager: San Siccario
2nd OG as Team Official



Kvålsvoll, Atle

Born: 10.04.62 – Trondheim

Residence: Trondheim

Adm. Personnel

Village Manager: Pragelato

3rd OG as Team Official

Former professional cyclist – Road Race. Won the overall victory for teams in Tour de France 1990 with Greg Lemond as individual winner. Athlete in Los Angeles OG 84.

SECURITY

Johnsen, Stig
Born: 06.01.70 – Bærum
Residence: Oslo
Security
2nd OG as Team Official



MEDICAL OFFICERS



Engebretsen, Lars
Born: 06.07.49 – Asker
Residence: Oslo
MD, Director of Medical Staff
4th OG as Medical Staff

Fossan, Bjørn
Born: 19.05.53 – Oslo
Residence: Oslo
Physiotherapist
8th OG as Medical Staff



Kolsrud, Lars
Born: 02.03.50 – Oslo
Residence: Oslo
MD, Medical Officer
5th OG as Medical Staff
Former gymnast. Three times
Norwegian Champion, won the
European Championship Jr in 1968.

SPORTS PSYCHOLOGIST

Pensgård, Anne Marte
Born: 16.10.64 – Haugesund
Residence: Oslo
Sports Psychologist
2nd OG as Medical Staff



NORWEGIAN OLYMPIC TEAM

CHEF



Skogvoll, Trond

Born: 26.07.68 – Narvik

Residence: Mandal

Chef

4th OG as Team Official

PRESS ATTACHÉS

Lea, Halvor

Born: 24.07.65 – Stavanger

Residence: Oslo

Chief Press Attaché

Biathlon

4th OG as Press Attaché



Eide, Gro

Born: 21.10.63 – Trondheim

Residence: Malvik

Press Attaché

Curling, Snowboard, Speed Skating

5th OG as Press Attaché

Frøshaug, Tom Dahl

Born: 22.07.53 – Oslo

Residence: Oslo

Press Attaché

Nordic Combined, Ski Jumping

1st OG as Press Attaché



NORWEGIAN OLYMPIC TEAM



Nereng, Rolf

Born: 03.05.49 – Oslo

Residence: Oslo

Press Attaché

Cross Country

4th OG as Press Attaché

Bjørnland, Lars Otto

Born: 14.11.54 – Sarpsborg

Residence: Sarpsborg

Press Attaché

Alpine skiing, Freestyle, Skeleton

6th OG as Press Attaché





SESTRIERE COLLE



- Venue: Alpine skiing – giant slalom, slalom, combined slalom • Location: 104 km from Olympic Village Turin • Altitude: Base 1886 m, summit 2800 m • Average snow depth in February: 87 cm • Average temperature in February – max/min: 3,9°C/-4,8°C
- Gross capacity: 9.250

Will young Aksel be the new Norwegian star in Turin?

For most of recent skiing history, Norway has featured amongst the world's leading ski nations – particularly with regard to the Nordic Disciplines. In terms of Alpine skiing, though, the story has been quite different. Good international results have been much more irregular and unpredictable. Norwegian alpine skiers have only been able to attain top international results for short periods at a time.

During the past 15 years, however, Norwegian skiers have improved consistently, and Norway is now on a par with the world's best Alpine skiing nations. The peak of this development was reached during the 1999 World Championships in Vail, Colorado, when Norway was the second-best nation – behind Austria – with nine medals: 3 gold (Lasse Kjus x 2 and Kjetil André Aamodt), 4 silver (Lasse Kjus x 3 and Andrine Flemme) and 2 bronze (Kjetil André Aamodt and Trine Bakke).

There is still tremendous pressure on the Norwegian Alpine team to bring home some Olympic medals from Turin. The last season was described by many as a disappointment for Norwegian Alpine skiing. At the 2005 World Championships in Bormio, Italy, the Norwegian team only won one medal – when young Aksel Lund Svindal took a silver medal in the combined event. This 23-year-old from Skedsmo may well be Norway's foremost skier in the Alpine events at Sestriere. Aksel is an all-round Alpine skier who won his first World Cup victory just before Christmas. Although he is a newcomer to the



SESTRIERE BORGATA

- Venue: Alpine skiing – downhill (men), combined downhill (men), super-G (men)
- Location: 106 km from Olympic Village Turin • Altitude: Base 2030 m, summit 2480 m
- Average snow depth in February: 87 cm • Average temperature in February – max/min: 3,9°C/-4,8°C • Gross capacity: 8.540

Olympic Games, he should have enough international experience to cope with the pressure to succeed at these Games.

This is Marius Arnesen's first season as the head coach for Norway's male skiing team, although he has trained the Norwegian World Cup team for several seasons. He is cautious about their ambitions and goals for the Olympic Games: "Our goal is to win a gold medal!"

Stein Eriksen is historically the towering figure of Norwegian Alpine skiing. For more than 50 years he stood alone with his giant slalom gold medal from the 1952 Winter Olympics in Oslo. Over the past decade, however, a number of Norwegian Alpine skiers have skied their way to join him in the history books. Kjetil André Aamodt has been the most successful of these, having won 19 Olympic and World Championship medals, and the "kid" from Oslo is still hungry for success. No other Alpine skier in the world has won more championship medals than Kjetil André. Lasse Kjus, who brought home five medals out of five possible from the Vail Championships in 1999, has 16 championship medals to his credit.

At the age of 35, Aamodt and Kjus are among the veterans in the Alpine skiing circus but they are still the focus of media attention whenever they enter an international championship. Kjetil Andre Aamodt has had a good season so far, while Lasse Kjus has been ill quite often. One thing at least is certain about Lasse and Kjetil Andre: no one dares to write them off when it comes to championships. The Turin Games will be the fifth Olympic Games for each of them.

More info: www.skiforbundet.no



ALPINE SKIING



Lund, Per

Born: 03.04.54 – Trondheim

Residence: Trondheim

Team Leader – Manager

2nd OG



Li, Jørund

Born: 11.05.68 – Drammen

Residence: Gol

Alpine Director

2nd OG



Arnesen, Marius

Born: 18.01.72 – Oslo

Residence: Oslo

Head Coach – Men

2nd OG



Rognmo, Øyvind

Born: 10.05.72 – Narvik

Residence: Trondheim

Head Coach SL/GS – Men

1st OG

**Andersen, Martin****Born:** 01.05.63 – Oslo**Residence:** Oslo**Coach – Men**1st OG

1 OG (1998) as coach for Finland,

1 OG (2002) as coach for USA

**Arnø, Arne****Born:** 31.05.73 – Oslo**Residence:** Oslo**Coach – Men**1st OG**Bere, Knut Johan****Born:** 18.08.72 – Volda**Residence:** Oslo**Coach – Men**1st OG**Klingenberg, Trym****Born:** 21.09.67 – Oslo**Residence:** Hemsedal**Coach – Men**1st OG



ALPINE SKIING



Wojtaszek, Jan
Born: 02.09.74 – Kristiansand
Residence: Oslo
Coach – Men
2nd OG



Reginiussen, Trond
Born: 04.11.57 – Hammerfest
Residence: Alta
Physiotherapist - Men
1st OG



Danielsen, Arild
Born: 10.08.52 – Fredrikstad
Residence: Spydeberg
MD, Medical Officer
1st OG



MEN

**Aamodt, Kjetil André****Nickname:** Babyshark**Club:** Nordstrand I.F.**Born:** 02.09.71- Oslo**Residence:** Monaco**Height:** 176 cm **Weight:** 88 kg**Civil Status:** Married to Stine**Occupation:** Alpine skier**Hobbies:** Tennis, golf, ice hockey, soccer**Languages spoken:** Norwegian, German, English**Comments:** 18 years on national team**Previous results:****OG** 92: DH/26 – GS/3 – SG/1, OG 94: DH/2 – GS/12 – SG/3 – C/2, OG 98: DH/13 – SG/5, OG 02: DH/4 – SG/1 – GS/7 – SL/6 – C/1**WCh** 91: SL/12 – SG/2, WCh 93: SL/1 – GS/1 – C/2, WCh 96: DH/27 – SL/8 – GS/11 – SG/3 – C/6, WCh 97: DH/9 – SG/8 – GS/6 – C/1, WCh 99: DH/3 – SG/9 – SL/7 – C/1, WCh 01: C/1 – GS/2 – SG/18 – SL/7, WCh 03: DH/2 – SG/5 – GS/24 – SL/9 – C/3, WCh 05: DH/23 – SG/22 – SL/14 – C/DSQ**WC (1st places):** 2003: C/Wengen, 2001: C/Wengen, C/Kitzbühel, 2000: SL/Wengen, C/Chamonix, C/Kitzbühel, 1999: C/Kitzbühel, 1998: C/Kitzbühel, 1997: GS/Adelboden, 1996: SG/Lillehammer, 1994: DH/Chamonix, C/Chamonix, GS/Hinterstoder, GS/Vail, 1993: GS/Oppdal, GS/Åre, SG/Aspen, SG/Kvitfjell, SG/Åre, 1992: GS/Sestrières, SG/Aspen (Total: 21)**WC-podiums:** 1. place: 21, 2. place: 21, 3. place: 19 (total 61 – end of season 2005)**WC (overall):** 05/26, 04/injured, 03/2, 02/2, 01/7, 00/2, 99/2, 98/4, 97/2, 96/10, 95/5, 94/1, 93/2, 92/13, 91/17, 90/39**NCh:** 22 (DH/5, SG/7, GS/4, SL/1, C/5)



Buraas, Hans Petter

Nickname: Burre

Club: Bærum Skiklubb

Born: 20.03.75 - Bærum

Residence: Monaco

Height: 190 cm **Weight:** 85 kg

Civil Status: Co-habitee

Occupation: Alpine skier

Hobbies: Everything with oil
(boats, cars, motorbikes), climbing,

diving, moto-cross, parachuting, carpentering, model building
(boats, cars, helicopter)

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English, French, German

Comments: 9 years on national team

Previous results:

OG 98: SL/1

WCh 99: SL/DNF, WCh 01: SL/DNF, WCh 03: SL/DSQ,

WC (1. place): 2001: SL/Sestriere

WC-podiums: 1. place: 1, 2. place: 4, 3. place: 5 (total 10
– end of season 2005),

WC (slalom): 05/50, 04/injured, 03/7, 02/injured, 01/5,
00/9, 99/16, 98/3

NCh: 3 (GS/1, SL/1, C/1)



Jansrud, Kjetil

Nickname: Jølle

Club: Peer Gynt Alpinklubb

Born: 28.08.85 - Stavanger

Residence: Vinstra

Height: 185 cm **Weight:** 83 kg

Civil Status: Girlfriend

Occupation: Alpine skier

Hobbies: PC, guitar, fishing and
hunting

Languages spoken: English, German

Comments: 1 year on World Cup-team,

2 years on European Cup-team

Previous results:

WCh 05: SL/DNF, WCh jr 04: SL/2

WCh jr 05: C/2

WC 2005/06: SL/4, SC/6, SL/8, SL/13

NCh 05: SG/2

**Kjus, Lasse****Nickname:** Kjusern**Club:** Bærum Skiklubb**Born:** 14.01.71 - Oslo**Residence:** Oslo**Height:** 180 cm **Weight:** 97 kg**Civil Status:** Co-habitee with Marianne**Occupation:** Alpine skier**Hobbies:** Boating life, golf, ice hockey**Languages spoken:** Norwegian, English, German**Comments:** 16 years on national team**Previous results:****OG 92:** GS/DNF, **OG 94:** DH/18 – GS/7 – SG/12 – C/1**OG 98:** DH/2 – GS/8 – SG/9 – C/2, **OG 02:** DH/2 – SG/DNF – GS/3 – C/5**WCh 91:** SL/10 – SG/25, **WCh 93:** SL/12 – GS/16 – C/1,**WCh 96:** DH/4 – SL/10 – GS/4 – SG/6 – C/2, **WCh 97:**

DH/2 – SG/2 – GS/2 – C/5

WCh 99: DH/2 – SL/2 – SG/1 – GS/1 – C/2, **WCh 01:**SG/7 – GS/4, **WCh 03:** DH/13 – SG/9 – GS/DNF – C/2**WCh 05:** DH/33 – SG/11 – GS/DNF – C/6**WC (1st places):** 2005: GS/Beaver Creek, DH/Lenzerheide,

2004: Val Gardena/SG, Kitzbühel/DG, 2001: C/Kitzbühel,

1999: DH/Val d'Isere, DH/Val Gardena I, DH/Wengen,

DH/Kitzbühel I, DH/Sierra Nevada, C/Wengen, 1997:

C/Kitzbühel, DH/Lillehammer, 1996: DH/Bormio, GS/Kranjska

Gora, DH/Lillehammer, SG/Vail, 1994: C/Kitzbühel (Total: 18)

WC-podiums: 1. place: 18, 2. place: 26, 3. place: 18 (total 62 – end of season 2005), **WC (overall):** 05/7, 04/8, 03/31,

02/6, 01/3, 00/53, 99/1, 98/10, 97/13, 96/1, 95/6,

94/7, 93/12, 92/60, 91/9, 90/68

NCh: 6 (DH/1, SG/3, SL/1, C/1)**Myhre, Lars****Nickname:** Myrulf**Club:** Gjøvik Skiklubb**Born:** 17.08.84 - Gjøvik**Residence:** Gjøvik**Height:** 184 cm **Weight:** 88 kg**Civil Status:** Girlfriend**Occupation:** Alpine skier**Hobbies:** Soccer, fishing, tennis, windsurfing**Personal coach:** Marius Arnesen**Languages spoken:** English, German**Comments:** 2 years on the European Cup-team**Previous results:****WCh jr 04:** C/3,**WC 2005/06:** SL/8, SC/10**NCh 04:** SL/2, C/2, DH/3, **NCh 05:** DH/3, C/3



ALPINE SKIING – ATHLETES



Solbakken, Bjarne

Nickname: Sunny

Club: Stranda IL

Born: 18.05.77 - Ålesund

Residence: Stranda

Height: 180 cm **Weight:** 87 kg

Civil Status: Unmarried

Occupation: Alpine skier

Hobbies: Soccer, golf, kayaker, film

Languages spoken: English, German

Comments: 9 years on national team

Previous results:

WCh 01: SG/10 – GS/dnf1, WCh 03: DH/17 – SG/19 – C/19, WCh 05: DH726 – SG/18 – GS/11 – C/11

WC (1. place): 2004: SG/Beaver Creek, WC-podiums:

1. place: 1, 2. place: 2, 3. place: 1 (total 4 – end of season 2005),

WC (overall): 05/52, 04/11, 03/53, 02/52, 01/52, 01/74

NCh: 3 (GS/3)



Svindal, Aksel Lund

Nickname: Axl

Club: Nero

Born: 26.12.82 – Lørenskog

Residence: Skedsmo

Height: 189 cm **Weight:** 100 kg

Civil Status: Single

Occupation: Alpine skier

Hobbies: Moto-cross, music, windsurfing

Languages spoken: English, German

Comments: 3 years on national team

Previous results:

WCh 03: DH/22 – SG/DNF – GS/5, WCh 05: DH/7 – SG/7 – GS/6 – SL/12 – C/2

WCh jr 02: DH/3 – SG/2 – SL/3 – C/1

WC (1. place): 2006: SG/Lake Louise

WC-podiums: 1. place: 1, 2. place: 2

WC (overall): 05/21, 04/19, 03/39

NCh: 6 (SG/1, GS/1, SL/2, C/2)



CESANA SAN SICARIO

Venue: Biathlon • Location: 97 km from Olympic Village Turin • Altitude: 1618 – 1680 m
 Average snow depth in February: 45 cm • Average temperature in February –
 max/min: 1,0°C/-6,9°C • Gross capacity: 6.498

New Olympic dreams with Ole Einar Bjørndalen?

It has been four years since Ole Einar Bjørndalen won four gold medals at the Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, winning all four biathlon events. Bjørndalen is widely expected to achieve new Olympic success, and is going to Turin with a dream of winning an individual gold medal in his third consecutive Olympic Games. With mass start as a new event, five gold medals will be awarded for men's biathlon events in Turin, and the hero of Salt Lake City plans to win at least one of them.

"I'm really looking forward to taking part in the Olympic Games again. My goal is to be in peak shape at Turin. As a team, our overall goal is to win the relay race, and if I also manage to win an individual gold medal I would be really happy. Last time, everything was just right. Absolutely everything has to function correctly if I am to manage to win a new Olympic gold medal," says Ole Einar Bjørndalen.

This Norwegian has managed to improve even further after the fantastic days in Salt Lake City. During the next season, he won two World Championship gold medals in Khanty Mansiysk. He then had a more difficult season in Oberhof, where he did not win any World Championship gold medals, before becoming the World Championship king at Hochfilzen, where he won three individual gold medals and helped to win the relay gold medal for Norway. Despite a fantastic pre-Olympic Games season, Bjørndalen believes that what was good yesterday is not good enough today.



"Everything has to be better, quicker and tougher in Turin than it was in Salt Lake City. We simply have to be better at everything, but especially at shooting. In Salt Lake City, I spent 25-26 seconds at the firing place – now I'm 5-6 seconds quicker. On four series of shots, my target is to cut the time by that taken for a penalty loop without this affecting the precision of my shooting," says Bjørndalen, who believes a core of 10-15 biathletes will be the main challengers in Turin. This group includes his Norwegian teammates, Frenchmen Poirée and Defrasne, Germans Gross, Fischer and Greis and the Russian Kruglov.

As regards the female biathletes, it will be exciting to follow Liv Grete Skjelbreid Poirée. After having a baby, she had a phenomenal season, winning three individual gold medals and one relay gold medal at the World Championships in Oberhof. Last year's season, on the other hand, was a total failure. Now, she and all of Norway are hoping she makes a strong comeback. However, when Liv Grete had an unsuccessful season last year, her teammate Gro Marit Istad Kristiansen won the World Championship gold medal for the mass start. In addition, Norway hopes that several of its female biathletes will win a medal. These include Linda Tjørhom, who won a bronze medal in the 15 km individual race in the last World Championships, and Gunn Margit Andreassen, who is back competing after giving birth to a baby boy.

The Norwegian Biathlon Association currently has 6,885 members, an increase of 2,000 members since the Norwegian success at the Olympic Games in Salt Lake City. 170 clubs and 1,700 licensees have been registered over the past 12 years - 700 more licensees than in 2002. Norway has 130 biathlon courses. The Norwegian Biathlon Association has an overall budget of NOK 25 million per annum.

Norway has won eight individual Olympic gold medals over the years - Magnar Solberg (1968 and 1972), Eirik Kvalfoss (1984), Halvard Hanevold (1998) and Ole Einar Bjørndalen (1998 and three in 2002). Norway has won one gold medal for a relay race – namely the men's relay race in 2002 (Egil Gjelland, Frode Andresen, Halvard Hanevold and Ole Einar Bjørndalen).

More info: www.skiskyting.no



Idland, Arne
Born: 16.05.69 – Stavanger
Residence: Figgjo
Team Captain/Head Coach
2nd OG



Grubben, Roger
Born: 05.06.69 - Mosjøen
Residence: Sinnes
Head Coach men
2nd OG



Sæter, Kjetil
Born: 05.05.71
Residence: Os i Østerdalen
Head Coach women
1st OG



Oftedal, Kjell Ove
Born: 06.04.1971 – Kristiansand
Residence: Haldalen
Coach
1st OG



BIATHLON



Kjøll, Trond

Born: 13.03.53 – Modum

Residence: Jevnaker

Shooting-trainer

Former athlete in OG in shooting.
World record holder shooting 300 m
standard rifle 30x20 (589p – 1995).
Former national coach in shooting.



Kolsrud, Lars

Born: 02.03.50 – Oslo

Residence: Oslo

MD, Medical Officer



Eriksen, Helge

Born: 25.07.1966 – Tana

Residence: Heggedal

Physiotherapist

3rd OG



Snerthammer, Odd

Born: 02.04.72 – Flekkefjord

Residence: Oslo

Physiotherapist

1st OG



Moen, Svein Ivar
Born: 25.07.73 – Ål
Residence: Lillehammer
Head of waxing-team
2nd OG



Håland, Torje
Born: 09.03.76 - Stavanger
Residence: Figgjo
Service-waxing
1st OG



Ulekleiv, Ivar Mikael
Born: 22.06.66 – Dombås
Residence: Dombås
Service-waxing
4th OG – as athlete in –94, and service-waxing in –98 and –02.



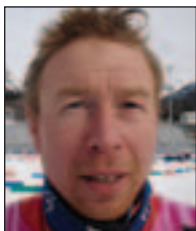
Søderberg, Thomas
Born: 10.10.73 – Kristinehamn, Sweden
Residence: Lillehammer
Service-waxing



BIATHLON



Stuveseth, Olav
Born: 09.04.61 - Oslo
Residence: Hokksund
Service-waxing
1st OG



Seljeset, Johnny
Born: 15.05.72 - Ålesund
Residence: Horindal
Service-waxing
1st OG



Nygaard, Lars Axel
Born: 15.06.62 - Sør Holand
Residence: Haltdalen
Weapon smith
1st OG



Haugen, Torbjørg
Born: 13.09.60 - Flekkefjord
Residence: Sirdal
Chef
1st OG

**Johansen, Ståle****Born:** 09.06.72 – Elverum**Residence:** Lom**Chef**

1st OG

MEN**Bjørndalen, Ole Einar****Nickname:** Klumpi**Club:** Simostranda IL**Born:** 27.01.74 – Drammen**Residence:** Obertilliach, AUT**Height:** 179 cm **Weight:** 66 kg**Civil Status:** Cohabit**Occupation:** Biathlet**Hobbies:** Motor, bicycling**Olympic events:** Biathlon**Personal coaches:** Roger Grubben, Joar Himle, Torgeir Bjørn, Øyvind Hammer**Languages spoken:** English, German**Most influential person in career:** Rolf Sæterdal, Ola Lunde, Øyvind Hammer**Most admired persons:** Bjørn Dæhlie, Michael Schumacher**Previous results:****OG** 94: Ind/36, Spr/28, Rel/7, OG 98: Ind/7, Spr/1, Rel/2
OG 02: Ind/1, Spr/1, Pur/1, Rel/1**WCh** 95: Ind/12, Spr/4, Rel/5, WCh 96: Ind/19, Spr/6, Rel/4, Tm/4, WCh 97: Ind/6, Spr/9, Pur/3, Rel/2, Tm/4, WCh 98: Pur/2, Tm/1

WCh 99: Ind/4, Spr/19, Pur/5, Mas/3, Rel/3, WCh 00:

Ind/20, Spr/5, Pur/4, Mas/3, Rel/3, WCh 01: Ind/10, Spr/19, Pur/4, Mas/2, Rel/3, WCh 02: Mas/7, WCh 03:

Ind/30, Spr/1, Pur/8, Mas/1, Rel/4, WCh 04: Ind/3, Spr/3, Pur/3, Mas/7, Rel/2, WCh 05: Ind/6, Spr/1, Pur/1, Mas/1, Rel/1,

World Cup total: 93/62, 94/30, 95/4, 96/9, 97/2, 98/1, 99/2, 00/2, 01/02, 02/3, 03/1, 04/2, 05/1.**World Cup victories:** 56**NCh:** 14 individual, 6 relay



Hanevold, Halvard

Club: Asker Skiklubb

Born: 03.12.69 – Asker

Residence: Asker

Height: 180 cm **Weight:** 74 kg

Civil Status: Unmarried

Occupation: Biathlete

Olympic events: Biathlon

Personal coach: Trond Kjøll,
Roger Grubben

Languages spoken: English, German

Previous results:

OG 94: Ind/46, Rel/7, OG 98: Ind/1, Spr/8, Rel/2

OG 02: Ind/5, Spr/13, Pur/8, Rel/1,

WCh 94: Tm/4, WCh 95: Tm/1, WCh 96: Ind/34, Tm/4,
WCh 97: Tm/4, WCh 98: Pur/13, Tm/1, WCh 99: Ind/37,
Spr/13, Pur/13, Mas/17, Rel/3, WCh 00: Ind/10, Spr/12,
Pur/5, Mas/10, Rel/2, WCh 01: Ind/44, Spr/3, Pur/9,
Mas/9, Rel/3, WCh 02: Mas/12, WCh 03: Ind/1, Spr/4,
Pur/2, Mas/8, Rel/4, WCh 04: Ind/38, Spr/18, Pur/5,
Mas/5, Rel/2, WCh 05: Ind/30, Mas/11, Rel/1, Mixrel/10,
World Cup total: 92/62, 93/75, 94/31, 95/53, 96/15,
97/23, 98/12, 99/7, 00/11, 01/6, 02/10, 03/5, 04/4,
05/11

World Cup victories: 8

NCh: 7 individual, 2 relay



Hegle Svendsen, Emil

Club: Trondhjems Skiskyttere

Born: 12.07.85 – Trondheim

Residence: Lillehammer

Height: 185 cm **Weight:** 77 kg

Civil status: Has a girlfriend

Occupation: Biathlete

Hobbies: Data, music, friends and
girlfriend

Olympic event: Biathlon

Personal Coach: Kjell Ove Oftedal

Languages spoken: English, German

Comments: Member of the national junior team

Previous results:

WChjr 05: Ind/1, spr/1

WC 06: Osrblic Spr/5, Ruhpolding Spr/5

**Eckhoff, Stian****Club:** Fossum IF**Born:** 03.09.79 – Trondheim**Residence:** Trondheim**Height:** 178 cm **Weight:** 70 kg**Civil Status:** Cohabit**Occupation:** Student/Athlete**Hobbies:** Telemarkskiing,
mountain-biking**Personal coach:** Roger Grubben**Olympic events:** Biathlon**Languages spoken:** English, German**Most influential person in career:** My father**Previous results:****OG 02:** Substitute,**WCh 03:** Ind/35, Spr/35, Pur/33, mas/9**WCh 04:** Ind/48, Spr/28, Pur/19, Mas/25, **WCh 05:**

Ind/27, Mas/14, Rel/1, Mixrel/10

World Cup total: 00/59, 01/65, 02/27, 03/11, 04/11, 05/10**World Cup victories:** 2**NCh:** 2 relay**Andresen, Frode****Club:** Hønefoss Skiklubb**Born:** 09.09.73 – Rotterdam, NED**Residence:** Hønefoss**Height:** 190 cm **Weight:** 75 kg**Civil Status:** Cohabit**Occupation:** Athlete, student,
economist from college**Hobbies:** Surfing, house building**Olympic events:** Biathlon**Personal coach:** Roger Grubben**Languages spoken:** English, German**Most influential person in career:** My father Bjørn**Most admired person:** My girlfriend, Gunn Margit**Previous results:****OG 98:** Ind/19, Spr/2, **OG 02:** Ind/7, Spr/8, Pur/14, Rel/1**WCh 95:** Spr/10, Rel/5, Tm/1, **WCh 96:** Spr/5, Rel/4**WCh 97:** Spr/14, Pur/19, **WCh 98:** Pur/8, **WCh 99:** Ind/53,Spr/3, Pur/27, Mas/6, Rel/3, **WCh 00:** Ind/21, Spr/1,Pur/6, Rel/2, **WCh 01:** Spr/8, Pur/6, Mas/16, Rel/3**WCh 02:** Mas/3, **WCh 03:** Ind/26, Spr/6, Pur/13, Mas/21,Rel/4, **WCh 04:** Spr/10, Pur/15, Mas/19, **WCh 05:** Spr/35,

Pur/35

World Cup total: 93/85, 94/58, 95/42, 96/11, 97/13,

98/10, 99/11, 00/6, 01/3, 02/5, 04/8

World Cup victories: 12**NCh:** 5 individual, 6 relay



Berger, Lars

Nickname: Der Elch – Elgen

Club: Dombås IL

Born: 01.05.79 – Levanger

Residence: Lesja

Height: 189 cm **Weight:** 85 kg

Civil status: Unmarried

Occupation: Biathlete

Hobbies: Cykling, mountain hiking, books and DVDs

Olympic events: Biathlon

Personal coach: Roger Grubben

Languages spoken: English, German

Comments: World champion cross country relay Oberstdorf 05, 3 WC victories (Holmenkollen 04/Spr, Lake Placid 04/Spr, Hochfilzen 04/Spr)

Previous results:

WCh 04: Spr/14, Pur/11, Mass/2, Rel/2, WCh 05: Spr/44, Pur/32

WC total: 02/76, 03/43, 04/5, 05/17

WOMEN



Skjelbreid Poirée, Liv Grete

Nickname: Liv

Club: Hålandsdalen IL

Born: 07.07.74 – Bergen

Residence: Eikelandsosen, NOR - Villard de Lans, FRA

Height: 167 cm

Civil Status: Married

Hobbies: Cinema, tennis, travelling

Olympic events: Biathlon

Coach: Kjetil Sæter, Trond Kjøll

Languages spoken: Norwegian, English, French, German

Most influential person in career: My family, Raphaél, Odd Lirhus

Most memorable sporting achievement: World Championship Oslo 2000

Comments: Married to the French biathlete, Raphael Poirée

Previous results:

OG 98: Ind/15, Spr/23, Rel/3, OG 02: Ind/2, Spr/4, Pur/4, Rel/2

WCh 96: Ind/42, Spr/7, Rel/4, Tm/12, WCh 97: Ind/39, Spr/39, Pur/42, Rel/2, Tm/1, WCh 98: Pur/10, Tm/2, WCh 99: Ind/28, Spr/11, Pur/10, Mas/14, Rel/4

WCh 00: Ind/32, Spr/1, Pur/7, Mas/1, Rel/5, WCh 01:

Ind/2, Spr/3, Pur/1, Mas/3, Rel/4, WCh 02: Mas/15

WCh 04: Ind/8, Spr/1, Pur/1, Mas/1, Rel/1, WCh 05:

Spr/37,

WC total: 95/29, 96/30, 97/22, 98/12, 99/5, 00/21, 01/2, 02/2, 04/1, 05/22

World Cup individual victories: 21

NCh: 13 individual titles, 5 in relay

**Tjørhom, Linda****Club:** Sirdal Skilag**Born:** 13.09.79 – Stavanger**Residence:** Sinnes**Height:** 178 cm**Civil Status:** Engaged**Occupation:** Student, kindergarten teacher**Hobby:** Reading**Olympic events:** Biathlon**Personal coach:** Kjetil Sæter, Arild Jørgensen**Languages spoken:** Norwegian, English**Most influential person in career:** Roger Grubben**Previous results:****OG 02:** Ind/39, Rel/2,**WCh 00:** Ind/14, WCh 01: Ind/40

WCh 02: Mas/25, WCh 04: Spr/32, Pur/28, Rel/1

WCh 05: Ind/3, Spr/19, Pur/14, Mas/12, Rel/5

WC total: 00/59, 01/29, 02/32, 03/18, 04/26, 05/9**World Cup individual victories:** 3**NCh:** 5 individual titles, 1 relay**Istad Kristiansen, Gro Marit****Nickname:** Goggo, Gokken**Club:** Voss Skiskytterlag**Born:** 09.02.78 Sted: Voss**Residence:** Kristiansand**Height:** 175 cm**Civil Status:** Married**Occupation:** Athlete**Hobbies:** Cats, boating**Olympic events:** Biathlon**Personal coach:** Kjetil Sæter, Arild Jørgensen**Languages spoken:** English, German**Most influential person in career:** My Father, Ola Sigvald Istad**Previous results:****OG 02:** Spr/53, Pur/40, WCh 99: Ind/13, Spr/23, Pur/26, Mas/17, Rel/4,**WCh 00:** Ind/22, Spr/15, Pur/39, Mas/25, Rel/5, WCh 01:

Spr/16, Pur/46, Rel/4, WCh 03: Ind/46, Spr/33, Pur/49,

Rel/8, WCh 04: Ind/23, Spr/16, Pur/7, Mas/5, Rel/1, WCh

05: Ind/26, Spr/25, Pur/10, Mas/1, Rel/5,

WC total: 99/12, 00/24, 01/24, 02/72, 03/54, 04/27, 05/13**World Cup individual victories:** 3**NCh:** 7 individual titles, 3 relay



Andreassen, Gunn Margit

Club: Birkenes IL

Born: 23.07.73 – Kristiansand

Residence: Hønefoss

Height: 177 cm

Civil Status: Cohabit with Frode Andresen

Occupation: Athlete

Hobbies: Art, fashion, house and garden, studying

Olympic events: Biathlon

Personal coach: Kjetil Sæter

Languages spoken: English, German

Most influential person in career: My father

Previous results:

OG 94: Ind/43, OG 98: Ind/40, Spr/56, Rel/3, OG 02: Ind/30, Spr/16, Pur/16, Rel/2,

WCh 95: Ind/15, Rel/3

WCh 97: Ind/18, Spr/5, Pur/7, Rel/2, WCh 98: Pur/24

WCh 99: Ind/47, Spr/26, Pur/36, Rel/4, WCh 00: Spr/43,

Pur/44, Mas/14, Rel/5, WCh 01: Ind/49, Spr/24, Pur/14,

Mas/6, Rel/4, WCh 03: Ind/3, Spr/19, Pur/11, Mas/15,

Rel/8, WCh 04: Ind/12, Spr/11, Pur/11, Mas/17, Rel/1

WC total: 94/44, 96/63, 99/25, 00/16, 01/23, 02/10, 03/14, 04/13

NCh: 4 individual titles, 1 relay



Berger, Tora

Club: Dombås IL

Born: 18.03.81 – Ringerike

Residence: Trondheim

Height: 166 cm

Civil Status: Cohabit

Occupation: Student

Hobbies: Dogs ("Tussi"), knitting

Personal coach: Kjetil Sæter

Olympic events: Biathlon

Languages spoken: English, German

Previous results:

WCh: Ind/21, Spr/11, Pur/19, Mas/13, Rel/5, Mixrel/10

World Cup total: 03/68, 05/17

**PRAGELATO PLAN**

•Venue: Cross-country • Location: 86 from Olympic Village Turin • Altitude: 1538 – 1614 m • Average snow depth in February: 52 cm • Average temperature in February – max/min: 6,2°C/-3,3°C • Gross capacity: 8.116

Ending his career with an Olympic gold medal for classical skiing?

At the Olympic Games in Turin, Frode Estil (33) will be the only all-rounder with an individual Olympic gold medal in the successful Norwegian cross-country skiing team. At Salt Lake City, he really came in joint second place with Thomas Alsgaard, winning a silver medal, but Johan Mühlegg later had to surrender his gold medal when he tested positive for doping.

"Although I missed out on the feeling of winning a gold medal at the time, I was really pleased to win a silver medal. No one had any great expectations for me. I'd been ill for a long time and was surprised I'd won a medal and that I'd been capable of racing against Thomas Alsgaard himself, who was more or less invincible in a sprinting duel," says Estil.

He is now in his last season as an active skier after a fantastic career in which he has, among other things, helped to win the last four World Championship and Olympic gold medals Norway has won for relay races.

"I'm almost more motivated than ever before to end my career with another Olympic gold medal. My biggest chance is probably the 15 km classical race. That's a special distance and I also like being at high altitudes. In addition, I hope to do well in the mass start. After all, I was only one second away from a



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World Championship gold medal in Oberstdorf a year ago, but as a classical specialist I don't like the fact that the classical part of the Olympic tracks in Pragelato is easier than the skating part, even though I've actually trained more in skating than in classical skiing in preparation for this season," claims Estil.

When he says this is his last season, it is with a certain reservation.

"I will probably leave the national team. I'd like to spend more time with my family and to start my future profession as a teacher at Meråker Upper Secondary School. Next winter, however, the Norwegian Championships will be held in my home town and I have a place in the 50 km race in the World Championships at Sapporo, so I'm toying with the idea of taking part there if I'm in good shape," emphasises Frode Estil.

Frode is a cheerful person who is very interested in music and football. He likes to entertain and his favourite instrument is the accordion.

"I've been playing the accordion since I was a little boy and it's an instrument that always creates a good atmosphere. Everyone seems to be especially happy after the relay races. My favourite melody? That must be 'It's Norway that is best'. That's almost as popular as the Norwegian national anthem when Norway wins a race," claims Estil, whose favourite football team is Leeds.

The Norwegian preparations for the Olympic Games in Turin can be compared to the old British film sketch "Same procedure as every year, James".

"We've prepared in the same way as for the last few championships. The same places, the same tracks, the same good food and the same atmosphere. I think that's part of the secret behind the 28 medals from the World Championships in 2003 and 2005," says sports manager Bjørnar Hakensmoen.

The teams have spent a total of 80-90 days at high altitudes in order to be ready for the Olympic Games' tracks, which are 1,600 metres above sea level at Pragelato. The Norwegians prefer to be in Italy when they are to spend time at high altitudes. Last autumn, they were at Stelvio, Seiser Alm, Livigno and Val Senales. And the last preparations were, as usual, made at the Norwegian "gold location" at Seiser Alm.

The aim is to once more be the world's best cross-country skiing nation – both in the women's and men's races. We are hoping for a total of seven gold medals.

More info: www.skiforbundet.no

**Håkensmoen, Bjørnar****Born:** 18.07.69 – Våler I Solør**Residence:** Elverum**Head coach**

1st OG as Head Coach

**Samdal, Svein Tore****Born:** 31.03.71 – Trondheim**Residence:** Trondheim**Head coach women**

2nd OG as Head Coach women

Junior World Champion, relay Reit im
Winkl 1991**Sørgård, Krister****Born:** 20.04.70 – Tibro, SWE**Residence:** Haug, Ringerike**Head coach men**

1st OG as Head Coach men's team

Athlete in WCh 1993: 10th place 15
km, 12th place 10km**Aune, Ulf Morten****Born:** 21.09.61 - Tromsø**Residence:** Stockholm**Head coach men's sprint team**

3rd OG as coach



CROSS COUNTRY



Kristiansen, Egil

Born: 18.01.66 - Lillehammer

Residence: Vinstra

Coach

1st OG as Coach

Athlete in OG 1994 – 8th place 30 km F



Djupvik, Morten Aa

Born: 15.01.75 – Volda

Residence: Lillehammer

Coach

1st OG as Coach



Baldishol, Brit

Born: 17.01.68 – Røros

Residence: Oslo

Ass. Village Manager – Pragelato

1st OG



Stokke, Hans Petter

Born: 09.11.51 – Oslo

Residence: Steinkjer

Team doctor



Treider, Petter
Born: 07.11.70 – Lørenskog
Residence: Drøbak
Physiotherapist
1st OG as Physiotherapist



Karlsen, Trine
Born: 24.01.72 – Bodø
Residence: Trondheim
Exercise physiologist
1st OG as Exercise physiologist



Hem, Jan Erlend
Born: 08.05.1960 – Oslo
Residence: Oslo
Exercise Physiologist
3rd OG as Exercise Physiologist



Langli, Terje
Born: 03.02.65 – Steinkjer
Residence: Steinkjer
Waxing Personnel
1st OG as waxing personnel



CROSS-COUNTRY



Loe, Inger Mai

Born: 13.04.69 – Oppdal

Residence: Oppdal

Waxing Personnel

1st OG as waxing personnel



Grøndalen, Roar

Born: 09.01.56 – Østre Toten

Residence: Raufoss

Waxing Personnel

1st OG as waxing personnel



Berås, Johnny

Born: 10.02.66 – Kristiansand

Residence: Vennesla

Waxing Personnel

2nd OG as waxing personnel



Grønås, Stian

Born: 31.01.77 – Bodø

Residence: Lillehammer

Waxing Personnel

1st OG as waxing personnel

**Moheim, Håvard****Born:** 14.04.69 – Oslo**Residence:** Øyer**Waxing Personnel**

1st OG as waxing personnel

**Røiseland, Reidar****Born:** 26.07.65 – Flekkefjord**Residence:** Kvinesdal**Waxing Personnel**

1st OG as waxing personnel

**Olsson, Perry****Born:** 29.12.55 – Söderala, SWE**Residence:** Söderhamn, SWE**Waxing Personnel**

4th OG as waxing personnel

**Melhus, Svein Anders****Born:** 01.05.73 – Namsos**Residence:** Steinkjer**Waxing Personnel**

1st OG as waxing personnel



MEN - ALLROUND



Aukland, Anders

Club: Oseberg Skilag

Born: 12.09.72 – Tønsber

Residence: Nesøya

Height: 181 cm **Weight:** 72 kg

Civil Status: Cohabitant

Occupation: Cross country skier

Hobbies: Cycling, kayaking,
scuba diving

Languages spoken: English

Previous results:

OG 02: Relay: 1, 15 km K: 4, pursuit: 7, 50 km C: 7

WCh 03: Relay: 1, 30 km C: 2, WCh 05: 50 km C: 2



Estil, Frode

Club: Lierne Skilag

Born: 31.05.72 – Namsos

Residence: Meråker

Height: 188 cm **Weight:** 83 kg

Civil Status: Married

Occupation: Cross country skier

Hobbies: Hunting

Languages spoken: English

Previous results:

OG 02: Pursuit: 1, 15 km C: 2, 50 km C: 9

WCh 05: 50 km C: 1, relay: 1, pursuit: 3, WCh 03: 30 km
C: 3, 15 km C: 3, relay: 1

WC Canmore 05: 30 km C: 2, WC Otepää 05: 15 km C: 2,
WC NoveMesto 04: 15 km C: 2, WC Lathi 04: 15 km C: 1,
WC Otepää 04: 30 km C: 1



Hjelmeset, Odd-Bjørn

Club: Fjellhug/Vereide-Hyen IL

Born: 06.12.71 – Sandane

Residence: Øyer

Height: 180 cm **Weight:** 69 kg

Civil Status: Married

Occupation: Cross country skier

Language spoken: English

Previous results:

OG 02: 50 km C: 3

WCh 05: 50 km C: 3, WCh 01: 15 km C: 3, WCh 99: 10 km C: 3

WC Oslo 05: 50 km C: 3, WC Reit im Winkl 05: Sprint C: 2,
WC Stockholm 04: Sprint C: 3

**Hofstad, Tore Ruud****Club:** Lillehammer Skiklub**Born:** 09.08.79 – Eidsvoll**Residence:** Lillehammer**Height:** 176 cm **Weight:** 70 kg**Civil Status:** Girl friend**Occupation:** Cross country skier and student**Languages spoken:** English and German**Previous results:****WCh** 05: 15 km F: 3, WCh 05: relay: 1, WCh 05: team sprint F: 1, WCh 03: pursuit: 2, WCh 03: relay: 1,**WC** Kuusamo 2005: 15 km F: 1, WC NoveMesto 2005: 15 km F: 6, WC Kuusamo 2004: 15 km F: 9, WC Pragelato 2004: 15 km F: 4, WC Beitostølen 2003: 15 km F: 2**Rønning, Eldar****Club:** Skogn IL**Born:** 11.06.82 – Levanger**Residence:** Meråker**Height:** 178 cm **Weight:** 73 kg**Civil Status:** Girlfriend**Occupation:** Cross country skier
Language spoken: English**Previous results:****WCh** 2005: sprint C: 11,**WC** Canmore 2005: 30 km C: 6

WC Kuusamo: 15 km C: 7, WC Beitostølen: 15 km C: 5

WC Drammen 2005: sprint C: 2, WC Lahti 2005: sprint C: 3

WC Reit im Winkl: sprint C: 1

**Svartedal, Jens Arne****Club:** Trøsken IL**Born:** 14.02.76 – Sarpsborg**Residence:** Lommedalen**Height:** 181 cm **Weight:** 82 kg**Civil Status:** Married**Occupation:** Cross country skier**Hobbies:** Cars, motorcycles**Languages spoken:** English and German**Previous results:****WCh** 03: sprint: 11, WCh 03: 15 km C: 19**WC** Asiago 2004: sprint C: 1, WC Stockholm 2004: sprint C: 1, WC Val di Fiemme 2003: sprint C: 1, WC Drammen 2003: sprint C: 1, WC Oslo 2002: sprint C: 1



CROSS-COUNTRY – ATHLETES



Andresen, Jan Egil

Club: Hamar Skiklubb

Born: 25.09.78 – Mo i Rana

Residence: Elverum

Height: 178 cm **Weight:** 76 kg

Civil Status: Single

Occupation: Cross country skier

Hobby: Fishing

Language spoken: English

Previous results:

WCh 05: 15 km F: 29,

WC Nove Mesto 2005: 15 km F: 14, WC Canmore 2005: 15 km F: 5, WC Nove Mesto 2005: 15 km F: 4, WC Beitostølen 2003: 15 km F: 21



Gjerdalen, Tord Asle

Club: IL Høleværingen

Born: 03.08.83

Residence: Oslo

Height: 182 cm **Weight:** 74 kg

Civil Status: Girlfriend

Occupation: Medicine student, cross country skier

Hobbies: Reading books, kayaking

Language spoken: English

Previous results:

WC Nove Mesto 2005: 15 km F: 15, WC Canmore 2005: 15 km F: 13, WC Beitostølen 2005: 15 km C: 12,

Vasaloppet 2005: 6

MEN - SPRINT



Hetland, Tor Arne

Club: Byåsen IL

Born: 12.01.74 – Stavanger

Residence: Trondheim

Height: 186 cm **Weight:** 85 kg

Civil Status: Married

Occupation: Cross country skier

Language spoken: English

Previous results:

OG 98: 50 km F: 24, OG 02: sprint F: 1, OG 02: 30 km F: 49,

WCh 01: sprint F: 1, WCh 03: sprint: 3, WCh 05: sprint: 2,

WC Vernon 2005: sprint F: 1, WC Kuusamo 2005: 15 km F: 10,

WC Beitostølen 2005: 15 km C: 1, WC Drammen 2005: sprint

C: 1, WC Bern 2004: sprint F: 1

**Iversen, Trond****Club:** Mjøndalen IF**Born:** 22.03.76 – Drammen**Residence:** Mjøndalen**Height:** 194 cm **Weight:** 90 kg**Civil Status:** Married**Occupation:** Cross country skier**Language spoken:** English**Previous results:****OG** 02: sprint F: 6,**WCh** 05: sprint C: 9,**WC** Gøteborg 2005: sprint: 1, WC Drammen 2005: sprint C: 4, WC Val di Fiemme 2002: sprint: 1, WC Asiago 2001: sprint: 2, WC Oslo 2000: sprint: 3**Kjølstad, Johan****Club:** Skogn IL**Born:** 09.03.83 – Levanger**Residence:** Skogn**Height:** 175 cm **Weight:** 70 kg**Civil Status:** Girlfriend**Occupation:** Cross country skier**Language spoken:** English**Previous results:****WC** Nove Mesto 2005: sprint F: 3, WC Gøteborg 2005: sprint F: 6, WC Nove Mesto 2005: sprint F: 1, WC Bern 2004: sprint F: 3,**WCh jr** 03: sprint F: 1**Hattestad, Ola Vigen****Club:** Ørje IL**Born:** 19.04.82 – Askim**Residence:** Lillehammer**Height:** 186 cm **Weight:** 85 kg**Civil Status:** Girl friend**Occupation:** Cross country skier, student**Languages spoken:** English**Previous results:****WC** Vernon 2005: sprint F: 3, WC Gøteborg 2005: sprint: 3

WC Reit Im Winkel 2005: sprint: 5, WC Lahti 2005: sprint C: 5

WC Drammen 2005: sprint C: 8



WOMEN



Bjørgen, Marit

Club: Rognes IL

Born: 21.03.80 – Trondheim

Residence: Rognes

Height: 169cm

Civil Status: Boy friend

Occupation: Cross country skier

Hobbies: Sport, family, friends, house building, walking in the nature

Language spoken: English

Comments: Total 24 individual victories in the WC (24.12.05)

Previous results:

OG 02: relay: 2,

WCh 03: 1 gold and 1 silver, **WCh 05:** 3 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze,

WC Vernon 2005: pursuit: 1, **WC Kuusamo 2005:** 10 km C: 1, **WC Beitostølen 2005:** 10 km C: 1, **WC Dusseldorf 2005:** sprint F: 1, **WC Falun 2004:** pursuit: 1, **WC Gøteborg 2004:** sprint: 1, **WC Holmenkollen 2004:** 30 km: 1, **WC NoveMesto 2004:** sprint: 1, **WC Otepää 2004:** 10 km: 1, **WC Asiago 2003:** sprint: 1



Pedersen, Hilde Gjermondshaug

Club: Nybygda IL

Born: 08.11.64 – Hamar

Residence: Brumunddal

Height: 168

Civil Status: Married

Occupation: Cross country skier

Language spoken: English

Previous results:

OG 02: 15 km F: 14, **OG 02:** 10 km C: 6, **OG 02:** sprint: 19
OG 02: pursuit: 14,

WCh 05: pursuit: 11, **WCh 03:** sprint: 3

WCh 03: pursuit: 4, **WCh 03:** 10 km C: 3. **WCh 03:** 15 km C: 4,

WC Vernon 2005: sprint F: 5, **WC Vernon 2005:** pursuit: 3
WC Kuusamo 2005: 10 km F: 7, **WC Beitostølen 2005:** 10 km C: 4, **WC Otepää 2005:** 10 km C: 2

**Gjørle, Ella****Club:** Ski- & FK Lyn**Born:** 29.05.79 – Porsgrunn**Residence:** Oslo**Height:** 172cm**Civil Status:** Boyfriend**Occupation:** Cross country skier,
law student**Hobbies:** Wakeboard, snowboard,
travelling, jet ski, acrobatic flying,
music and friends**Language spoken:** English**Previous results:****WCh** 05: sprint C: 9,**WC** Stocholm 2004: 3, WC Bern 2004: 3

WC Asiago 2004: 3, WC Reit im Winkl 2005: 4, WC

Drammen 2005: 8, WC Asiago 2004: sprint-relay: 1, WC

Lahti 2003: sprint-relay: 1, WC Beitostølen 2005: relay: 1

**Steira, Kristin Størmer****Club:** IL Forsøk**Born:** 30.04.81 – Mo i Rana**Residence:** Drøbak**Height:** 169cm**Civil Status:** Cohabitant**Occupation:** Student, cross country skier**Hobbies:** Wine, music, friends, shop-
ping, cooking**Language spoken:** English**Previous results:****WCh** 03: 28, 30 , WCh 05: 3, 1**WC** Nobe Mesto: 10 km F: 4, WC Pragelato 2005: 1, WC

Ramsau 2004: 2, WC Canmore 2005: 5, WC Falun 2003: 6,

WC Nove Mesto 2005: 8, WC Oberstdorf 2004: 8, WC Nove

Mesto 2003: 9, WC Kuusamo 2004:10, WC Holmenkollen

2004:10, WC Ramsau 2003:12

**Stemland, Kristin****Club:** Byåsen IL**Born:** 08.01.81 – Trondheim**Residence:** Heimdal**Height:** 168,5cm**Civil Status:** Single**Occupation:** Student, cross country skier**Language spoken:** English**Previous results:****WC** Vernon 2005: 5, WC Canmore 2005: 6, WC Oberstdorf

2004: 6, WC La Clusaz 2004:10 , WC Pragelato 2004:10



PINEROLO PALAGHIACCIO



• Venue: Curling • Location: 36 from Olympic Village Turin
• Gross capacity: 2.982

Will they repeat their Olympic triumph four years later?

The Norwegian Curling Association was established on 21 February 1956 in Oppdal. By the end of 2000, the Association consisted of 21 curling clubs with a total of 2,900 members. There are four curling halls in Norway and many of the clubs exercise at ice hockey arenas.

Since Norway won its first championship (the European Championship in 1975), the Norwegian men's team have won three World Championship titles, two European Championship titles and the Trial Olympics in 1988. They have also won about two dozen silver and bronze medals. The men's team won a silver medal at the Trial Olympics in 1992, a bronze medal in the Nagano Winter Olympics 1998 and made it all the way to the top in the Salt Lake Winter Olympics in 2002, winning the Olympic gold medal.

The women's team have won two World Championships and one European Championship, as well as a number of silver and bronze medals. They finished in third place in the Trial Olympics in 1988 and in second place in the Trial Olympics in 1992. The women's team came in fifth place in the Nagano Winter Olympics in 1998.



We look forward to seeing the Norwegian men's team defend their Olympic gold medal from Salt Lake City in Turin. This season's preliminaries have at least been extremely good. The captain Pål Trulsen and his crew won a gold medal in the European Championships in Sweden in December.

More info: www.curling.no



Ingvaldsen, Ole

Born: 29.08.48 – Stavanger

Residence: Lillestrøm

Head Coach

2nd OG as Head Coach



Grahn, Søren

Born: 26.12.62 – Karlstad, SWE

Residence: Karlstad, SWE

Coach

1st OG as Coach



Graver, Tone

Born: 12.03.59 – Tønsberg

Residence: Bærum

Coach

3rd OG as Coach



CURLING – ATHLETES



Bendiksen, Fredrik
Born: 16.09.54 – Bjarkøy
Residence: Hamar
Team Doctor
1st OG as Team Doctor



Telje, Trym
Born: 10.06.66 – Oslo
Residence: Oslo
Physiotherapist
2nd OG as Physiotherapist

WOMEN



Nordby, Dordi Agathe
Club: Snaroen Curling Club
Born: 08.04.64 – Bærum
Residence: Snarøya, Bærum
Height: 164 cm **Weight:** 58 kg
Occupation: Runs Curling Rink,
Curling Instructor
Hobby: Backgammon
Languages spoken: Norwegian,
English
Personal coach: Eigil Ramsfjell

Previous results:

OG 88: 3 (demo sport), OG 92: 2 (demo sport), OG 98: 5, OG 02: 7,

WCh 89: 2, WCh 90: 1, WCh 91: 1, WCh 93: 3, WCh 95: 3, WCh 96: 3, WCh 97: 2, WCh 01: 3, WCh 04: 2, WCh 05: 3,

ECh 85: 3, ECh 86: 2, ECh 87: 3, ECh 90: 1, ECh 93: 3, ECh 94: 3, ECh 95: 4, ECh 99: 1, ECh 01: 5, ECh 03: 3, ECh 04: 3,

NCh: 13 victories in the period 1982-2005

**Haslum, Marianne****Club:** Snarøen Curling Club**Born:** 31.01.74 – Lillehammer**Residence:** Nittedal**Height:** 182 cm **Weight:** 70 kg**Civil Status:** Married**Occupation:** Office Coordinator/DTP**Hobby:** Biking**Languages spoken:** English, German**Previous results:****OG** 98: 5, OG 02: 7,**WCh** 96: 3, WCh 97: 2, WCh 98: 2, WCh 01: 3, WCh 04: 2, WCh 05: 3,**ECh** 95: 4, ECh 03: 3, ECh 04: 3**NCh** 96: 1 97: 1 02: 1 03: 2 04: 1**Holth, Camilla****Nickname:** Lillemøy**Club:** Snarøen Curling Club**Born:** 25.12.78 – Bærum**Residence:** Snarøya, Bærum**Height:** 167 cm **Weight:** 51 kg**Occupation:** Curling Instructor**Hobby:** Backgammon**Previous results:****OG** 02: 7**WCh** 01: 3, WCh 04: 2, WCh 05: 3**ECh** 00: 2, ECh 01: 5, ECh 03: 3, ECh 04: 3**NCh:** 02: 1 03: 2 04: 1**Rørvik, Marianne****Club:** Bærum Curling Club**Born:** 02.02.83 - Bærum**Residence:** Haslum, Bærum**Height:** 161 cm **Weight:** 55 kg**Civil Status:** Boyfriend**Occupation:** Student in Business Administration**Languages spoken:** English**Previous results:****WCh** 04: 2, WCh 05: 3,**WCh Jr** 02: 1**ECh** 04: 3, ECh 05: 4



CURLINGG – ATHLETES



Hovring, Charlotte

Club: Snarøen Curling Club

Born: 03.09.79 - Bærum

Residence: Snarøya, Bærum

Height: 175 cm **Weight:** 63 kg

Civil Status: Cohabitee

Occupation: Journalist student

Hobbies: Poker, chess, windsurfing and alpine skiing

Languages spoken: English

Previous results:

WCh Jr 00: 8, WCh Jr 01: 8

ECh 05: 4

NCh 03: 2 04: 1

MEN



Trulsen, Pål

Club: Stabekk Curling Club

Born: 19.04.62 – Drøbak

Residence: Bærum

Height: 187 cm **Weight:** 100 kg

Civil Status: Cohabitee – two children

Occupation: Engineer

Hobby: Golf

Languages spoken: English

Comments: Started competing 1977, 5 OG as Coach

Previous results:

OG 92: 2 (demo sport), OG 02: 1,

WCh 01: 3, WCh 02: 2, WCh 03: 3, WCh 04: 4, WCh 05: 5,

ECh 01: 4, ECh 04: 3, ECh 05: 1

NCh 98: 1 99: 1 00: 1 01: 1 02: 1 04: 2 05: 1

**Vågberg, Lars****Club:** Stabekk Curling Club**Born:** 30.06.67 – Sollefteå, SWE**Residence:** Oslo**Height:** 185 cm **Weight:** 85 kg**Civil Status:** Married, two children 10 and 7 years**Occupation:** Teacher**Hobbies:** Family and house**Languages spoken:** Norwegian, Swedish, English, German**Comments:** Started competing 1980, Sweden**Previous results:****OG** 02: 1**WCh** 01: 3, WCh 02: 2, WCh 03: 3, WCh 04: 4

WCh 05: 5,

ECh 94: 1, ECh 01: 4, ECh 04: 3, ECh 05: 1**NCh** 98: 1 99: 1 00: 1 01: 1 02: 1 04: 2 05: 1**Davanger, Flemming****Club:** Stabekk Curling Club**Born:** 01.04.63 – Bergen**Residence:** Oslo**Height:** 183 cm **Weight:** 68 kg**Civil Status:** Married, two children**Occupation:** Division Manager**Hobbies:** Golf, boats**Languages spoken:** Scandinavian, English, German**Comments:** First time on National Team 1981**Previous results:****OG** 92: 2 (demo sport), OG 02: 1,**WCh** 01: 3, WCh 02: 2, WCh 03: 3, WCh 04: 4, WCh 05: 5,**ECh** 01: 4, Ch 04: 3, ECh 05: 1,**NCh** 98: 1 99: 1 00: 1 01: 1 02: 1 04: 2 05: 1



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Ramsfjell, Bent Ånund

Club: Stabekk Curling Club

Born: 30.11.67 – Oslo

Residence: Oslo

Height: 179 cm **Weight:** 78 kg

Civil Status: Married, 2 children

Occupation: Consultant

Languages spoken: English, German

Comments: 12 years on National Team, Sporting relative Eigil Ramsfjell

Previous results:

OG 02: 1,

WCh 01: 3, WCh 02: 2, WCh 03: 3, WCh 04: 4, WCh 05: 5

ECh 01: 4, ECh 04: 3, ECh 05: 1,

NCh 98: 1 99: 1 00: 1 01: 1 02: 1 04: 2 05: 1



Nergaard, Torgjer

Club: Snaroen Curling Club

Born: 12.12.74 - Trondheim

Residence: Oslo

Height: 180 cm **Weight:** 80 kg

Civil Status: Girlfriend

Occupation: Engineer

Hobbies: Golf, soccer

Languages spoken: Swedish, English, German, Italian

Previous results:

OG 02: 1,

WCh 98: 5, WCh 04: 4, ECh 97: 7,

ECh 00: 5, ECh 01: 4, ECh 02: 3, ECh 03: 5, ECh 05: 1

NCh 98: 1 99: 2 00: 1 01: 2 02: 2 03: 1 04: 3



SAUZE d'OULX-JOUVENCEAUX



Venue: Freestyle • Location: 84 km from Olympic Village Turin • Altitude: 1340 – 1438 m
 • Average snow depth in February: 47 cm • Average temperature in February –
 max/min: 5,1°C/-7,0°C • Gross capacity: 8.460

Traa hopes to end her career with another Olympic Gold

Freestyle was introduced as an Olympic event at the Albertville Games, after having been a demonstration event during the 1988 Calgary Games. There are two Olympic events – Moguls and Aerials.

The Norwegian freestyle skiers have for many years been among the best in the world. The Winter Games in Lillehammer attracted tremendous interest to the sport when Stine Lise Hattestad won a gold medal in the Moguls event. Hilde S. Lid who won the bronze medal in Aerials at the Lillehammer Games and came sixth at Nagano in 1998 will be going for gold in Deer Valley. Since Hattestad retired, the Moguls "throne" has been taken over by Kari Traa. Kari did not participate in the Lillehammer Games due to an injury, but she came back four years later and won the bronze medal at the Winter Games in Nagano.

At the Olympic Games in Salt Lake City four years ago, Kari Traa went all the way to the top. She was the favourite and one of those in the Norwegian Olympic team most expected to win a gold medal. She won the first of a total of 13 Norwegian gold medals on the very first day of the Olympic Games.

The Turin Games will in a way be Kari Traa's farewell performance as a top athlete. This 32-year-old from Voss on the west



coast of Norway has decided to leave the international freestyle arena. Nine operations on her knee have also made her think about her health. After this year's season, Kari's new life will be marketing and further developing her own clothing line.

"I've never been as motivated as I am before this season. The disappointment last year was actually what I really needed. I had to get a slap in the face so that I would try harder for the Olympic Games. My goal for these Games is clear – after all, I have to do better than last time," she laughs.

After a disappointing start to the World Cup in December, she started this Olympic year by winning her 35th World Cup victory in Canada.

Kari Traa is in control, and she is one of many expected to win a medal for Norway in Turin.

More info: www.skiforbundet.no



Fahlén, Lasse

Born: 14.06.58 – Åre, SWE

Residence: Åre – SWE

Head coach

3rd OG as coach for Norway – 2 OG

as coach for Sweden

Participated as freestyle-skier, moguls

for Sweden in OG Calgary 1988

(6th place)



Lebreux, Claude

Born: 10.01.64 – Bourgoin, FRA

Residence: Oslo

Coach

1st OG as coach for Norway – 4 OG

as coach for France



Heir, Stig
Born: 19.04.61 - Oslo
Residence: Asker
MD, Medical Officer
 4th OG as Medical Staff



Knutsen, Oddvar
Born: 22.07.64 – Alta
Residence: Trysil
Physiotherapist
 3rd OG as Medical Staff

WOMEN



Berntsen, Ingrid K.
Club: Filtvet Fremad
Born: 18.04.78 - Drammen
Residence: Oslo
Height: 162 cm - **Weight:** 60 kg
Civil Status: Single
Hobbies: Windsurfing, wave surfing, kayaking, skating, roller blades, snowboard, diving and needlework
Languages spoken: English, German
Comments: 10 years on national team

Previous results:

OG 02: 17

WCh 99: 20/MO – 9/DM, WCh 01: 21/MO – 17/DM,
 WCh 03: 5/MO – 4/DM,

WC (Overall): 2005/51, 04/65, 01/28, 00/30, 1999/46,
 97/100, 96/96

WC Moguls: 2004/22, 03/4, 02/14, 01/16, 00/16,
 1999/27, 97/38, 96/40,

WC Dual Moguls: 2003/8, 02/13, 00/12, 1999/14,
 97/36, 96/29,

WC Moguls-podium: 1. place: 0, 2. places: 2, 3. places: 3
 (total 4 – end of season 2005), WC Dual Moguls-podium: 1.
 place: 1

NCh: 2 gold medals in Moguls



Traa, Kari

Club: Voss Freestyle Club

Born: 28.01.74 - Voss

Residence: Oslo

Height: 168 cm - **Weight:** 70 kg

Civil Status: Boyfriend

Hobbies: Skydiving, painting, knitting, sewing, design

Languages spoken: English

Comments: 16 years on national team

Previous results:

OG 92: 14, OG 94: -, OG 98: 3, OG 02: 1,

WCh 95: 17/MO, WCh 97: 5/MO, WCh 99: 2/MO – 2/DM, WCh 01: 1/MO – 1/DM, WCh 03: 1/MO – 1/DM
WCh 05: 15/MO – 2/DM,

WC (overall): 2005/6, 04/1, 01/2, 00/7, 1999/15, 98/13, 97/17, 96/22, 95/53, 94/74, 92/52,

WC Moguls: 2005/2, 04/2, 03/2, 02/3, 01/1, 00/5, 1999/8, 98/5, 97/6, 96/6, 95/20, 94/30, 92/20,

WC Dual Moguls: 2003/3, 02/2, 00/1, 1999/6, 98/1, 97/8, 96/19

WC Moguls- podiums: 1. places: 27, 2. places: 9, 3. places: 14 (total 50 – end of season 2005)

WC Dual Moguls-podiums: 1. places: 7, 2. place: 0, 3. places: 4 (total: 11 –end of season 2005),

WjrCh 91: 3,

NCh: 8 gold medals in Moguls



PRAGELATO

• Venue: Nordic combined (ski jumping) • Location: 82 km from Olympic Village Turin • Altitude: 1528 – 1528 m • Average snow depth in February: 52 cm • Average temperature in February – max/min: 6,2°C/-3,3°C • Gross capacity: 8.055

An exciting team wants to win Olympic gold medals

They are ready to take over the hegemony of Germany's Ronny Ackermann, who won two individual World Championship gold medals during last year's championship in Oberstdorf. We all remember the charming faces of Magnus Moan, Petter Tande and the other Norwegian Nordic combined skiers on the TV. Winning a team gold medal at the World Championships last year was an unusual experience, and there are no indications that the Nordic combined team, under national coach Frode Moen, has stagnated. We can once more do well in this, our traditionally best event, during the Olympic Games in the Italian Alps.

Skiing legend Torleif Haug won the first gold medal for Norway at the first winter Olympic Games in Chamonix in France in 1924. The fact that he won a gold medal for the 18 km and 50 km races says everything about this multit talented man from Drammen. The just as legendary skiing king Johan Grøttumsbråten followed this up by winning gold medals at the Olympic Games in St. Moritz (1928) and Lake Placid (1932). And of course another Norwegian, Oddbjørn Hagen, won the fourth Olympic gold medal in a row when he won at Garmisch-Partenkirchen four years later.

Archivals and very good friends Heiku Hasu from Finland and our own Simon Slåttnvik won a gold medal each at St. Moritz (1948), and Slåttnvik won a gold medal at the Olympic Games in Oslo four years later. Norway was constantly producing winners in this sport, and both Sverre Stenersen (1956) and Tormod Knutsen (1964) won gold medals. The very likeable Georg Thoma broke the Norwegian row of gold medals at the Olympic Games in the USA in 1960.



PRAGEATO PLAN



• Venue: Nordic combined (cross-country) • Location: 86 km from Olympic Village Turin • Altitude: 1538 – 1614 m • Average snow depth in February: 52 cm • Average temperature in February – max/min: 6,2°C/-3,3°C • Gross capacity: 8.116

A change took place in the Nordic combined field too, and foreigners started to win gold medals. Franz Keller won a gold medal in 1968 before East Germany's Ulrich Wehling won a fantastic three Olympic gold medals in a row. With this, he is the best Nordic combined skier of all time, and is now the general of the Nordic combined skiing sport internationally through his position as the person responsible for this sport in the International Ski Federation (FIS).

Norway's Tom Sandberg did well at the start of the 1980s, and both his World Championship gold medal in 1982 in Norway and his Olympic gold medal in Sarajevo in 1984 were good for the Norwegian Nordic combined skiing environment. The individual World Championship gold medals awarded to Torbjørn Løkken (1987), Trond Einar Elden (1989) and Fred Børre Lundberg (1991), confirmed Norway's position. Fred Børre Lundberg also won a gold medal at the World Championships in 1995 while Bjarte Engen Vik has won three individual World Championship gold medals (1999 and 2001).

Naturally, the fact that our two latest Nordic combined kings, Fred Børre Lundberg and Bjarte Engen Vik, won gold medals at the Olympic Games in Lillehammer (1994) and Nagano (1998) are also part of the story. If we add that Norway has won four team gold medals at World Championships since these started in 1982 and two team gold medals at Olympic Games since this event became part of the programme in 1984, then we have more or less told all of Norway's gilt-edged Nordic combined history. Petter Tande, Magnus Moan and the other men on the Norwegian Olympic team are ready to write new chapters in the same history book.

More info: www.skiforbundet.no



Moen, Frode
Born: 01.05.69 – Trondheim
Residence: Trondheim
Head Coach
1st OG as Head Coach



Kattem, Trond
Born: 21.10.66 – Trondheim
Residence: Trondheim
Coach
1st OG as Coach



Zajc, Ludvik
Born: 21.01.43 – Jesenice, SLO
Residence: Oslo
Sport Manager



Rustadbakken, Trond
Born: 01.09.74
Residence: Oslo
Physiotherapist
1st OG as Physiotherapist



NORDIC COMBINED – ATHLETES



Belsvik, Idar Terje

Born: 23.06.59 – Trondheim

Residence: Rognes

Waxing Personnel



Roskifte, Geir

Born: 22.08.66 – Ringerike

Residence: Sokna

Waxing Personnel

2nd OG

MEN



Moan, Magnus H.

Club: Byåsen IL

Born: 26.08.1983 – Lillehammer

Residence: Trondheim

Height: 189 cm – **Weight:** 74 kg

Civil Status: Cohabitant

Hobbies: Football, Golf

Languages spoken: English,
German

Previous results:

WCh 05: 1 Team, WCh 05: 2 Sprint, WCh 05: 4 Normal,

WC 04: 1 Reit im Winkl, WC 05: 1 Holmenkollen,

NCh 04: 1 Sprint, NCh 04: 1 Normal,

WC 04 overall: 8, WC 05 overall: 5



Tande, Petter
Club: Byåsen IL
Born: 11.06.85 – Trondheim
Residence: Trondheim
Height: 178 cm – **Weight:** 65 kg
Civil Status: Single
Occupation: Student
Hobby: Golf
Languages spoken: English

Previous results:

WCh 05: 1 Team., WCh 05: 8 Sprint, WCh 05: 7 Normal,
WCh Jr 04: 1 Normal, WCh Jr 04: 1 Sprint,
WC 04 Overall: 10, WC 05 Overall: 7



Klemetsen, Håvard
Club: Kautokeino IL
Born: 05.01.79 – Kautokeino
Residence: Trondheim
Height: 178 cm – **Weight:** 67kg
Civil Status: Cohabitant
Occupation: Student
Hobbies: Soccer
Languages spoken: English

Previous results:

WCh 05: 1 Team, WCh 05: 20 Normal,
WC 04 Overall: 21 WC 05 Overall: 19



Græsli, Ola Morten
Club: Tydal IL
Born: 11.04.80 – Tydal
Residence: Trondheim
Height: 180 cm – **Weight:** 67 kg
Civil Status: Single
Occupation: Student
Hobbies: Fishing
Languages spoken: English

Previous results:

WCh 03: 15 Normal, WCh 03: 7 Sprint,
WCh 03: 4 Team
WC 03 Overall: 20, WC 04 Overall: 35, WC 05 Overall: 16



NORDIC COMBINED – ATHLETES



Hammer, Kristian

Club: Eidsvoll IL

Born: 20.03.76 – Narvik

Residence: Råholt

Height: 179 cm – **Weight:** 64 kg

Civil Status: Married – 1 children

Hobby: Golf

Languages spoken: English

Previous results:

OG 98: 26 Normal, OG 02: 8 Normal,

WCh 01: 1 Team, WCh 03: 6 Sprint, WCh 03: 5 Normal,
WCh 03: 4 Team, WCh 05: 3 Sprint, WCh 05: 15 Normal,
WCh 05: 1 Team

WC 02 Overall: 12, WC 03 Overall: 9, WC 04 Overall: 37,
WC 05 Overall: 15

NCh 03:1 Normal, 1 Sprint



CESANA PARIOL

- Venue: Skeleton • Location: 95 km from Olympic Village Turin • Altitude: 1569 – 1683 m
- Average snow depth in February: 45 cm • Average temperature in February – max/min: 1,0°C/-6,9°C • Gross capacity: 7.130

Unknown exponent in an unknown sport

There are no more than a couple of handfuls of active participants in Norway involved in skeleton. Although there were a few individuals who were engaged in the sport in previous years, it was not until 1994 that it gained a real foothold in Norway – not least thanks to the Olympic runs for bob and luge constructed for the winter Olympics in Lillehammer.

Skeleton looks quite similar to luge, but in skeleton the participants lie on their stomachs with their heads in the direction of travel.

Skeleton is an exceptionally demanding discipline. The contestants must be able to react like lightning, exploding into action at the start. Excellent physical co-ordination is required, and the actual run reminds one of alpine skiing. Choosing the correct line is of prime importance if maximum speed is to be achieved. Top speeds are in the region of 140 kph (84 mph)!

Desiree Bjerke Andersen carries the Norwegian colours to Turin 2006. She started with skeleton by a coincidence. After having read about the sport in a magazine she went to Lillehammer to try it during a week-end. Some years later she started competing on an international level.

“Unfortunately I am the only girl doing skeleton on an international level in Norway. But I am lucky to have a close relationship to Maya Pedersen from Switzerland. She is married and

lives in Norway. She is one of the best skeleton-athletes in the world, and we do a lot of training together in Lillehammer. If I manage to do two good runs in Turin, I hope I can be among the top six," Desiree Bjerke Andersen says.

More info: www.bobsleigh.com



Engeliien, Håvard

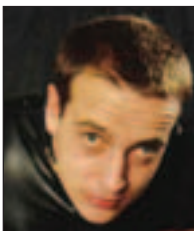
Born: 16.03.69 – Dombås

Residence: Lillehammer

Team Leader/Head Coach

Former athlete and 14th place in World Championship

1st OG



Matschenz, Dirk

Born: 30.05.79 – Erfurt

Residence: GER

Technical Personnel

1st OG

Former athlete in luge and skeleton. In skeleton for Germany 1997 – 2002 and for Nederland from 2002. German champion in 2001.

WOMAN



Bjerke Andersen, Desiree

Club: Lillehammer Skeletonklubb

Born: 22.03.71 – Fredrikstad

Residence: Oslo

Height: 171 cm - **Weight:** 60 kg

Civil Status: Single???

Occupation: Working at her families sport centre

Hobbies: Climbing, reading, needlework

Languages spoken: English, some German

Previous results:

WC 04: 6/Lillehammer, **WC 05:** 7/Lake Placid

EC: 1st place and 4th place

Challenge Cup: 4 victories

NCh: 5



PRAGELATO



• Venue: Ski Jumping • Location: 82 km from Olympic Village Turin • Altitude: 1528 – 1528 m • Average snow depth in February: 52 cm • Average temperature in February – max/min: 6,2°C/-3,3°C • Gross capacity: 8.055

Norwegian ski jumping ready to take revenge at the Olympic Games

Norwegian ski jumping has never been as unsuccessful as it was during the Olympic Games in Salt Lake City in 2002. The humiliation was complete when Norway ended up in 9th place in the team jumping competition, beaten by South Korea, among others. Then a Finn, Mika Kojonkoski, was brought over to get our former national sport on its feet again. The turnaround operation was a success and Norwegian fans of this sport can look forward to an exciting Olympic Games, with Norwegian jumpers fighting for a medal.

Today's jumpers have a good tradition to carry on. Norway won the three medals at the first Winter Games in Chamonix in 1924, with Jacob Tulin Thams winning the gold medal. Four years later, it was Alf Andersen's turn, and the Norwegian dominance continued until the Olympic Games in Oslo in 1952 when Arnfinn Bergmann won the gold medal right in front of Torbjørn Falkanger, naturally to the huge pleasure of a packed Holmenkollen arena.

During this golden era, Kongsberg legend Birger Ruud stands out as the main bearer of this Norwegian cultural heritage. He won a gold medal in both 1932 and 1936, and was appointed the head of the Norwegian ski jumping team during the first



Olympic Games after the 2nd World War. However, after impressive training jumps, the aging Ruud had to compete. His silver medal from the St. Moritz Olympic Games clearly showed that Birger Ruud had confirmed his status as the best Norwegian ski jumper ever.

The Norwegians did not win any medals in 1956 and 1960, and Toralf Engan and Veikko Kankkonen shared one gold medal during the Olympic Games at Innsbruck in 1964. This was also the first time the jumpers competed in two separate events. Torgeir Brandtzæg won two bronze medals at these same Games. This was followed by a very lean period, from 1968 until 1992 inclusive. A bronze medal to Lars Grini at the Grenoble Olympic Games in 1968 and a silver medal to Erik Johnsen at the Calgary Olympic Games in 1988 were a weak performance by this former world power.

Life was much more fun for the many spectators at the Olympic Games in Lillehammer in 1994. Espen Bredesen won a gold and silver medal while Lasse Ottesen also won a silver medal for Norway. When 17-year-old Tommy Ingebrigtsen won the individual jumping 120 m competition at the World Championships the next year, most people thought that the Norwegian ski jumping environment was back on track again. But few medals were won until Mika Kojonkoski arrived as a saviour and national team trainer. From 1995 until the 2002/2003 season, heavy clouds hung over the ski jumping sport here in Norway.

During these "Dark Ages", we comforted ourselves with the fact that our ski jumpers at times jumped right to the end of the large hills, and Espen Bredesen, Lasse Ottesen and Tommy Ingebrigtsen have all held world records. This reached a peak when Bjørn Einar Romøren almost landed in the car park at Planica during the event there on 20 March 2005. 239 metres is still the world record. After Kojonkoski took over as trainer, Norwegian ski jumpers have had 20 victories in the World Cup prior to the Olympic Games season. Roar Ljøkelsøy (10), Sigurd Pettersen (6) and Bjørn Einar Romøren (4) have ensured these victories and there are realistic hopes that the Norwegian men will exact a cruel revenge for the Olympic Games failures in the USA four years ago.

More info: www.skiforbundet.no

**Bråthe, Clas Brede****Born:** 28.11.1968 – Drammen**Residence:** Mjøndalen**Team leader/Ski Jumping Director**

1st OG

**Kojonkoski, Mika****Born:** 19.04.1963 – Rauma, FIN**Residence:** Kuopio, FIN**Head Coach**

1st OG for Norway

Coach for 4 Olympic gold medals

**Berdahl, Geir Ole****Born:** 15.03.1969 – Trondheim**Residence:** Trondheim**Coach****Ørri, Anssi****Born:** 04.03.68 – Perniö, FIN**Residence:** Perniö, FIN**Physiotherapist**

1st OG



SKI JUMPING



Guin, Morten
Born: 19.05.69 – Levanger
Residence: Steinkjer
Technical Personnel
1st OG



Berntzen, Simen
Born: 02.07.76 – Askim
Residence: Askim
Technical Personnel
1st OG



Bråten, Steinar
Born: 17.09.62 - Drangedal
Residence: Heimdal
Technical Personnel
1st OG



MEN

**Ingebrigtsen, Tommy****Club:** Byaasen IL**Born:** 08.08.77 – Trondheim**Residence:** Trondheim**Height:** 179 cm **Weight:** 61 kg**Civil Status:** Companion**Hobby:** Music**Language spoken:** English**Previous results:****OG** 02: 9 Team Large Hill, 26 Large Hill, 20 Normal Hill**WCh** 95: 1 Large Hill, WCh 97: 35 Large Hill

WCh 99: 6 Team Large Hill, 24 Large Hill, 12 Normal Hill

WCh 01: 7 Team Large Hill, 50 Large Hill, 50 Normal Hill

WCh 03: 3 Team Large Hill, 4 Large Hill, 2 Normal Hill

WC 95: 41 Large Hill Engelberg,

WC 96: 8 Large Hill Planica**NCh** 03: 1. Large Hill**Personal best:** 231 m**Romøren, Bjørn Einar****Club:** Hosle IL**Born:** 01.04.81 - Oslo**Residence:** Bærum**Height:** 183 cm **Weight:** 64 kg**Civil Status:** Single**Occupation:** Skijumper and student**Hobby:** Powder Skiing**Languages spoken:** Norwegian,
English, German**Comments:** World Record holder
in Ski jumping**Previous results:****WCh** 01: 7 Team Large Hill, 16 Large Hill, 33 Normal Hill, 8

Team Normal Hill, WCh 03: 10 Normal Hill, 3 Team Large

Hill, 13 Large Hill, WCh 05: 3 Team Large Hill, 12 Large Hill,

12 Team Normal Hill, 4 Normal Hill,

NCh 01: 1 Large Hill**Personal best:** 239 m (world record)



SKI JUMPING – ATHLETES



Bystøl, Lars

Club: IL Eldar

Born: 04.12.78 – Voss

Residence: Oslo

Height: 180 cm **Weight:** 62 kg

Civil Status: Companion

Occupation: Skijumper

Hobby: Skiing

Languages spoken: English

Comments: He won his first World Cup this season

Previous results:

OG 02: 9 Team Large Hill, 38 Large Hill, 31 Normal Hill

WCh 03: 12 Normal Hill, 3 Team Large Hill, **WCh 05:** 3

Team Large Hill, 4 Large Hill, 12 Team Normal Hill, 9 Normal Hill,

NCh 05: 1 Large Hill

Personal best: 216,5 m



Pettersen, Sigurd

Club: Rollag og Veggli

Born: 28.02.1980 – Kongsberg

Residence: Oslo

Height: 179 cm **Weight:** 61 kg

Civil Status: Companion

Hobby: Outdoor activities

Language spoken: English

Comments: Winner of the "Vier Schanzen Tourne" 2004

Previous results:

WCh 03: 3 Team Large Hill, 18 Large Hill, **WCh 05:** 3 Team

Large Hill, 10 Large Hill, 12 Team Normal Hill, 14 Normal Hill

NCh 04: 1 Normal Hill, **NCh 05:** 1 Normal Hill

Personal best: 228 m

**Ljøkelsøy, Roar****Club:** Orkdal IL**Born:** 31.05.1976 - Orkdal**Residence:** Trondheim**Height:** 180 cm **Weight:** 62 kg**Civil Status:** Companion**Occupation:** Skijumper**Hobby:** Golf**Languages spoken:** Norwegian,
English, German**Comments:** His 4th Olympic Games**Previous results:****OG** 94: 4 Team Large Hill, OG 98: 4 Team Large Hill, 9 Large Hill, 40 Normal Hill, OG 02: 9 Team Large Hill, 32 Large Hill, 18 Normal Hill,**WCh** 97: 5 Team Large Hill, 6 Large Hill, 24 Normal Hill, WCh 99: 19 Large Hill, 25 Normal Hill 6 Team Large Hill, WCh 01: 7 Team Large Hill, 20 Large Hill, 20 Normal Hill 8 Team Normal Hill, WCh03: 22 Large Hill, 18 Normal Hill, WCh05: 3 Team Large Hill, 2 Large Hill, 9 Normal Hill, 12 Team Normal Hill**WC** 95: 14 Lahti Normal Hill, 14 Falun Large Hill, WC 96: 2 Planica Large Hill, 4 Lillehammer Large Hill,**NCh** 99: 1 Large Hill**Personal best:** 230,5 m



BARDONECCHIA



• Venue: Snowboard • Location: 95 km from Olympic Village Turin • Altitude: 1365 – 1595 m • Average snow depth in February: 76 cm • Average temperature in February – max/min: 9,2°C/-3,7°C • Gross capacity: 7.646

Aiming for the first gold medal in Turin

Snowboarding came to Norway at the end of the 1970s. Evolving from a sub-culture of skaters and surfers, snow surfing was first experimented with using homemade boards off-piste around the country. Over time, snowboarding gained acceptance and was permitted on slopes usually reserved for Alpine skiers. The Norwegian Snowboard Association was founded in 1987, making it one of the world's first snowboard associations.

The sport became more and more popular as it developed. The interest shown by the general public and the media, as well as enthusiasts' passion for the sport, promoted acceptance of snowboarding. The first World Cup was organized in the winter of 1986/87 and the International Snowboard Association, ISA (now the International Snowboard Federation, ISF), was founded in May 1991. Today, there are snowboard associations in more than 40 different countries. In 1997, the Norwegian Snowboard Association gained the status of an independent sports association.

Recruitment has surpassed all other winter sports, and snowboarding was for the first time a separate Olympic event in the Winter Olympics in Nagano in 1998. Both Daniel Franck and Stine Brun Kjeldaas won silver medals for Norway in the half-pipe event.



The Norwegian national team has achieved excellent international results and is looking forward to participating in the Olympics and travelling around the world to compete in FIS and ISF World Cup events. Despite the new and increasingly competitive developments in the sport, no snowboarders can forget the main reason why they snowboard: the sport's inherent individuality, playfulness and freedom of expression.

Snowboarders are known for being the first to arrive on the mountain in the morning and the last to leave at night – and the ones finding their way to glaciers and mountains during the summer to catch a ride. Snowboarding seems to be a sport for young people. Tricks, styles and forms of competition are still developing rapidly, contributing to the excitement and appeal of the sport. Young people are eager to find new activities they can help to develop – based on their own needs, interests and desires.

More info: www.nsb.no



Levin, Petter

Born: 09.11.72 – Västerås, SWE

Residence: Stockholm, SWE

Head Coach

3rd OG as Head Coach (OG'98 Head Coach Sweden).

Former snowboarder Halfpipe.



Arvesen, Espen

Born: 25.04.80 – Oslo

Residence: Oslo

Assistant Coach

1st OG as Assistant Coach.

Former snowboarder Halfpipe.



Arnesen, Even

Born: 06.01.73 – Oslo

Residence: Oslo

Waxing Personnel

1st OG



SNOWBOARD – ATHLETES



Heir, Stig

Born: 19.04.61 - Oslo

Residence: Asker

MD, Medical Officer

4th OG as Medical Staff



Knutsen, Oddvar

Born: 22.07.64 – Alta

Residence: Trysil

Physiotherapist

3rd OG as Medical Staff

WOMEN



Buaas, Kjersti Østgaard

Nickname: KJ

Club: Vassfjellet Snowboard Club,
Trondheim

Born: 05.01.82 – Trondheim

Residence: Trondheim

Height: 160 cm **Weight:** 58 kg

Civil Status: Cohabit – no children

Occupation: Snowboarder

Hobbies: Dancing, football, music,
film production, languages

Languages spoken: English

Comments: 6 years on National Team

Previous results:

OG 02: 4, WCh 00: ISF "Lords of the Boards"/1,

WCh 05: FIS HP/14,

WJrCh 01: ISF & FIS Junior World Champion

WC 00: FIS HP/2 Finals, FIS HP/1 01: FIS HP/1 02: FIS HP/1

03: FIS HP/5, 3 04: FIS HP/9, 22, 6 05: FIS HP/6, 10, 6, 6,
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ATHLETES – MEN

**Christiansen, Kim****Club:** Aron Snowboard**Born:** 08.05.76 – Drammen**Residence:** Drammen**Height:** 186 cm **Weight:** 96 kg**Occupation:** Snowboarder**Hobbies:** Motocross, skateboarding, surfing**Languages spoken:** English, German, French**Comments:** 12 years on National Team**Previous results:****OG** 98: HP/17, OG 02: HP/14,**WCh** 01: HP/1, WCh 05: HP/3,**ECh** 96: HP/5, WC 96: FIS HP/9 97/98: FIS HP/7, FIS

HP/4, FIS HP/77, ISF HP/11, FIS HP/17, FIS HP/54, FIS

HP/1, FIS HP/2 03: FIS HP/8, 18, 8 04: FIS HP/3, 21, 22

05: FIS HP/14, 40, 51, 36, 22, 24

**Franck, Daniel****Nickname:** Tha Franck**Club:** Norwegian Snowboard Association, NSBF**Born:** 09.12.74 – Lørenskog**Residence:** Oslo**Height:** 169 cm **Weight:** 66 kg**Civil Status:** Daughter Sophie**Occupation:** Snowboarder**Languages spoken:** English, Swedish, Danish, Hindu**Comments:** 14 years on National Team**Previous results:****OG** 98: HP/2, OG 02: HP/10, WCh 99: HP/1,**WCh** 01: HP/2,**ECh** 99: 1,**WC** 96: HP/2, HP/1 97/98: FIS HP/1, ISF HP/1, FIS HP/1,

FIS HP/6, ISF HP/1, FIS HP/12 99: Overall/1 01: FIS HP/2

05: FIS HP/2



SNOWBOARD – ATHLETES



Lunn, Halvor

Club: KIF Snowboard, Kongsberg

Born: 18.09.80 – Kongsberg

Residence: Kongsberg

Height: 180 cm **Weight:** 80 kg

Civil Status: Girl friend for 7 years,
a 1 year old boy

Occupation: Snowboarder

Languages spoken: English, German

Comments: 4 years on the
National Team

Previous results:

OG 02: 31

WC 01: Finals/4 02: FIS HP 3, 5, 4, 2, 5 03: FIS HP 3 05:

FIS HP 2, 7 06: FIS HP 1, 2

NCh 01: 3 04: 2 05: 2



Austbø, Fredrik

Club: Norwegian Snowboard
Association, NSBF

Born: 20.04.88 – Stavanger

Residence: Stavanger

Height: 165 cm **Weight:** 55 kg

Civil Status: Single

Occupation: Snowboarder

Language spoken: English

Comments: Also a skateboarder

Previous results:

WC 05: FIS race HP/1, FIS HP/33, 25 06: FIS HP/ 17, 4, 4

NCh 04: HP/ 2, 05: HP/2



OVAL LINGOTTO

- Venue: Speed skating • Location: 3 km from Olympic Village Turin
- Gross capacity: 8.463

A discipline with long traditions

Norway has great traditions in speed skating, starting with the "Amateur Champion of the World" in 1884, Axel Paulsen, through to the most winning Norwegian Olympian ever, Ivar Ballangrud, as well as the leading personality of the 1952 Olympics Hjalmar Andersen. Norwegian sports history is full of great speed skaters.

The most successful Norwegian skater in recent times is without doubt Johann Olav Koss, who have won four Olympic gold medals in together. He won three of them at the Lillehammer Olympic Games in 1994 and one at the Olympic Games in Nagano in 1998.

Even though Johann Olav Koss retired after the Lillehammer Games, expectations are still running high for the Norwegian Speed skating team. In Nagano 1998, Adne Søndrål defended a fourth place finish from Lillehammer, and supplemented it with a gold medal. In Salt Lake City 2002, Lasse Sætre won the bronze medal on the 10.000 meter race. A new generation of top speed skaters has been developed during the last two seasons. Among them World Champions 2005 Even Wetten and Rune Stordal. In addition Øystein Grødem, winner of last season's World Cup in 5.000/10.000 meter.

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SPEED SKATING



Aamodt, Finn

Born: 07.01.52 – Oslo

Residence: Oslo

Sports Director/Teamleader

5th OGs as Sports Director (four OGs as Sports Director and Commentator Alpine Skiing). Sports Manager Norwegian Olympic Committee 1996-2004



Müller, Peter

Born: 27.07.54 – Wisconsin, USA

Residence: Oslo

Head Coach

3rd OG as Head Coach (former Head Coach in OGs for USA and The Netherlands). Former athlete and Olympic Champion in 1976 (1000m).



Haugen, Øystein

Born: 07.11.71 – Lørenskog

Residence: Frogner

Assistant Coach/Teamleader

1st OG as Assistant Coach
Former speed skater until 1998.
National and WC team.



Bosma, Sipke

Born: 12.10.45 – Haskerland, NED

Residence: Joure, NED

Technical Personnel

1st OG as Technical Personnel



Stöberl, Michael

Born: 21.10.67 – Inzell, GER

Residence: Inzell, GER

Physiotherapist

1st OG as Physiotherapist for Norway.
Former speed skater and one OG as physiotherapist for Germany



Bendiksen, Fredrik
Born: 16.09.54 – Bjarkøy
Residence: Hamar
Team Doctor
 1st OG as Team Doctor

WOMEN



Haugli, Maren
Club: Jevnaker IF
Born: 03.03.85 – Hønefoss
Residence: Jevnaker
Height: 173 cm **Weight:** 62 kg
Civil Status: Single
Occupation: Student
Hobbies: Music, movies, books
Languages spoken: English, German

Previous results:

WCh allround 05: 22, WCh single 05: 12/3000, 11/5000

ECh 05: 13, NCh single 05: 1/3000

Personal best: 40,75 – 1.19,65 – 1.57,81 – 4.05,65 – 7.15,33



Bjelkevik, Annette
Club: Arendal SK
Born: 12.05.78 – Arendal
Residence: Arendal
Height: 168 cm **Weight:** 63 kg
Civil Status: Single
Occupation: Skater
Hobbies: Fishing, gardening
Languages spoken: Norwegian, English

Previous results:

WCh allround 05: 15, WCh single 05: 14/1500

ECh 05: 14

NCh single 05: 1/500, 1/1000, 1/1500, 2/3000

Personal best: 40,0 -1.17,74 -1.58,66 -4.07,58-7.30,73



SPEED SKATING – ATHLETES



Bjelkevik, Hedvig

Club: Arendal SK

Born: 18.04.81 – Arendal

Residence: Arendal

Height: 162 cm **Weight:** 57 kg

Civil Status: Not married

Occupation: Skater

Hobbies: Painting, kayak

Languages spoken: Norwegian

Previous results:

WCh allround 05: 21, WChJr allround 05: 6, WCh single 05: 20

ECh: 05: 12

NCh single 05: 2/500, 3/1000

Personal best: 40,06 – 1.18,44 - 1,58.,74 - 4.13,30 - 7.33,17

MEN



Borgersen, Odd B.

Club: Geithus IL

Born: 10.04.80 – Drammen

Residence: Krogstadelva

Height: 180 cm **Weight:** 76 kg

Civil Status: Cohabite

Occupation: Auditor

Hobby: Comic books

Language spoken: English

Previous results:

WCh 05: 5/5000, 5/10000

Personal best: 38,07 – 1.13,48 – 1.49,57 – 3.47,17 – 6.19,21 – 13.15,67



Sætre, Lasse
Club: Sand IF
Born: 10.03.74 – Oslo
Residence: Oslo
Height: 182 cm **Weight:** 80 kg
Civil Status: Married
Occupation: Student
Hobbies: Fly-fishing, soccer, multimedia
Languages spoken: English, German.
Comments: Started competing 1980

Previous results:

OG 98: 11/5000, 7/10000, OG 02: 10/5000, 3/10000
WCh allround 96: 18, WCh allround 97: 11, WCh allround 03: 21, WCh allround 04: DNF, WCh single 96: 15/5000m 11/10000, WCh single 97: 5/5000, 10/10000, WCh single 99: 22/5000, 8/10000, WCh single 00: 7/5000, 4/10000, WCh single 01: 7/5000, 5/10000, WCh single 03: 19/5000, 3/10000,
ECh 96: 16, ECh 97: 10, ECh 98: 7, ECh 01: 30, ECh 03: 9, ECh 04: 10,
WC 00: 8/5000 01: 10/5000 02: 4/5000 03: 4/5000,
Personal best: 38,15 – 1.17,65 – 1.49,36 – 3.46,99 – 6.17,60 – 13.16,92



Andersen, Petter
Club: Aktiv SK, Oslo
Born: 02.01.74 – Oslo
Residence: Oslo
Height: 172 cm **Weight:** 71 kg
Civil Status: Married
Occupation: Student
Hobbies: Golf, sports
Languages spoken: German, English
Comments: Started competing 1980, 11 years on National Team

Previous results:

OG 02: 28/1000, 20/1500,
WCh allround 96: 23, WCh allround 00: 20, WCh allround 02: 11, WCh sprint 02: 20, WCh sprint 05: 16, WCh single 98: 16/1000, 14/1500, WCh single 00: 16/1000, 18/1500, WCh single 01: dnf/1000, 6/1500, WCh single 03: 19/1000, 8/1500, WCh single 04: 16/1000, 15/1500, WCh single 05: 3/1000, 9/1500, 3/Tpu,
ECh 00: 6, ECh 01: 16, ECh 02: 5, ECh 03: 13, ECh 04: 12,
WC: 00: 4/1500 02: 6/1500 04: 8/1500 05: 9/1500,
Personal best: 35,52 – 1.08,55 – 1.45,32 – 3.43,56 – 6.34,81 – 14.05,19



SPEED SKATING – ATHLETES



Ervik, Eskil

Club: Hamar IL

Born: 11.01.75 – Trondheim

Residence: Hamar

Height: 183 cm **Weight:** 85 kg

Civil Status: Married

Occupation: Speed skater

Languages spoken: English

Comments: 8 years on National Team

Previous results:

OG 02: 35/1500, 21/5000

WCh allround 98: 13, WCh allround 99: 3, WCh allround 00: 15, WCh allround 02: 12, WCh allround 03: 6, WCh allround 04: 12, WCh allround 05: DNF, WCh single 98: 15/5000, 99: 10/1500, 4/5000, WCh single 00: 24/1500, 17/5000, WCh single 03: 14/1500, 7/5000, 7/10000, WCh single 04: 24/1500, 4/5000, 12/10000, WCh single 05: 11/5000, 8/10000, 3/Tpu

ECh 96: 14, ECh 99: 9, ECh 00: 2, ECh 01: 14, ECh 02: 4, ECh 03: 6, ECh 04: 16, ECh 05: 5, WC 02: 5/5000 05: 5/5000

Personal best: 37,30 – 1.15,11 – 1.46,72 – 3.37,28 – 6.10,65 – 13.20,02



Grødem, Øystein

Club: Arendal SK

Born: 15.02.77 – Arendal

Residence: Arendal

Height: 193 cm **Weight:** 90 kg

Civil Status: Single

Occupation: Bachelor of Economics

Hobbies: Fishing, hunting, skiing, waterskiing

Languages spoken: Swedish, Danish, English, German

Previous results:

WCh allround 05: 8, WCh single 01: 17/5000, 9/10000, WCh single 03: 12/10000, WCh single 04: 9/5000, 5/10000

ECh 05: 8, WC 04: 9/5000 05: 1/5000, 1/10000

NCh single 01: 1/10000, 05: 1/5000

Personal best: 39,13 – 1.15,99 – 1.50,80 – 3.41,02 – 6.15,50 – 13.05,4 – 6.10,65 – 13.20,02

**Wetten, Even Gabrielsen**

Club: Hamar IL
Born: 12.08.82 - Hamar
Residence: Hamar
Height: 185 cm **Weight:** 85 kg
Civil Status: Girlfriend
Occupation: Skating
Hobbies: Film, poker, playing football
Languages spoken: English

Previous results:

WCh sprint 05: 19, WCh single 05: 23/500 (fell), 1/1000, 3/1500

NCh single 05: 1/500, 1/1000

Personal best: 35,47 – 1.08,76 – 1.45,12

**Bøkkø, Håvard**

Club: Hol IL
Born: 02.02.1987 – Ringerike
Residence: Hovet
Height: 182 cm **Weight:** 76 kg
Civil Status: Busy
Occupation: Student
Hobbies: Fishing, hunting, friends, computer
Languages spoken: Norwegian, English, (German)

Previous results:

WCh allround 05: 15, WCh single 05: 12/5000,

ECh 05: 10

NCh single 05: 2/500, 3/1000, 2/1500, 4/5000

Personal best: 36,33 - 1.10,57 - 1.46,07 - 3.43,66 - 6.18,93 - 13.46,08

**Larsen, Mikael Flygin**

Club: Holmestrand og Botne skøyteklubb
Born: 18.09.82 – Tønsberg
Residence: Hamar
Height: 181 cm **Weight:** 78 kg
Civil Status: Girl friend
Occupation: Skater
Hobbies: TV, data, sports
Languages spoken: English, German

Previous results:

NCh single 05: 3/500

Personal best: 36.08 - 1.08.91 - 1.45.53 - 3.57.50 - 6.54.91

BEST OF NORWAY

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 school-children 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 world-wide.

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 its 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 Hafsrfjord 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.

Lofot-fisket: An annual fisheries event from February to April for Cod and Spring Cod in the Vestfjord 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-1800's. 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 furniture-maker Thor Bjørklund 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 world-wide 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. Heyerdahl 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 dessert spoon of cod-liver oil to keep healthy and in good form. Not very popular with the kids due to its somewhat special flavour....

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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 re-hydrated 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.



How to pronounce it:

17.mai-tog: *Sitt-enda mei tawg*

Binders: *Bin-durs*

Brunost: *Broon oost*

Bunad: *Buu nadd*

Harald Hårfagre: *Harald haw-fargra*

Hardingfele: *Harding fea-la*

Lofot-fisket: *Loaf-fott fiska*

Lusekofte: *Loose a kofftta*

Midnattsol: *Mid natt sool*

Ostehøvel: *Oost-a hoevell*

Smalahove: *Smahla-hovva*

Thor Heyerdahl: *Tor Hei-a-dal*

Tran: *Trahn*

Tørrfisk: *Toerr-fis*

Vikingskip: *Veeking ship*

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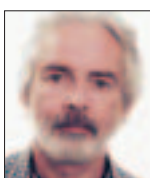
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February		FRI 10	SAT 11	SUN 12	MON 13	TUE 14	WED 15	THU 16
ISUING Olympic Stadium	Competition	Opening Ceremony 08:00						
ISUING Palais de Glace	Ice Hockey 1		Ice Hockey Group A 17:00-20:00	Ice Hockey Group B 17:00	Ice Hockey Group C 17:00-20:00	Ice Hockey Group D 17:00-20:00	Ice Hockey Group E 17:00-20:00	Ice Hockey Group F 17:00-20:00
ISUING Palais de Glace	Ice Hockey 2		Ice Hockey Group G 17:00-20:00	Ice Hockey Group H 17:00	Ice Hockey Group I 17:00-20:00	Ice Hockey Group J 17:00-20:00	Ice Hockey Group K 17:00-20:00	Ice Hockey Group L 17:00-20:00
ISUING Palais de Glace	Speed Skating		Speed Skating 10:00-14:00	Speed Skating 10:00-14:00	Speed Skating 10:00-14:00	Speed Skating 10:00-14:00	Speed Skating 10:00-14:00	Speed Skating 10:00-14:00
ISUING Palais de Glace	Short Track Speed Skating		Short Track 10:00-14:00	Short Track 10:00-14:00		Short Track 10:00-14:00	Short Track 10:00-14:00	Short Track 10:00-14:00
ISUING Palais de Glace	Figure Skating		Figure Skating 10:00-14:00	Figure Skating 10:00-14:00	Figure Skating 10:00-14:00			Figure Skating 10:00-14:00
ISUING Palais de Glace	Curling			Curling 10:00-14:00	Curling 10:00-14:00	Curling 10:00-14:00	Curling 10:00-14:00	Curling 10:00-14:00
ISUING Palais de Glace	Biathlon		Biathlon 10:00-14:00					
ISUING Palais de Glace	Nordic Combined		Nordic Combined 10:00-14:00				Nordic Combined 10:00-14:00	
ISUING Palais de Glace	Cross-Country Skiing			Cross-Country Skiing 10:00-14:00		Cross-Country Skiing 10:00-14:00		Cross-Country Skiing 10:00-14:00
ISUING Palais de Glace	Alpine Skiing				Alpine Skiing 10:00-14:00			
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ISUING Palais de Glace	Alpine Skiing					Alpine Skiing 10:00-14:00		
ISUING Palais de Glace	Bobsleigh							
ISUING Palais de Glace	Skeleton							Bobsleigh 10:00-14:00
ISUING Palais de Glace	Luge		Luge 10:00-14:00	Luge 10:00-14:00	Luge 10:00-14:00	Luge 10:00-14:00	Luge 10:00-14:00	
ISUING Palais de Glace	Freestyle Skiing		Freestyle Skiing 10:00-14:00			Freestyle Skiing 10:00-14:00		
ISUING Palais de Glace	Snowboard			Snowboard 10:00-14:00	Snowboard 10:00-14:00			Snowboard 10:00-14:00

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COMPETITION SCHEDULES

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