A year of ups and downs

It is a well-known fact that Gudbrandsdalen has a stable inland climate. This is the main reason behind the fact that the organizer in Kvitfjell has only cancelled 2 of the scheduled races assigned to them.

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During the World Cup week, the Norwegian slalom/giant slalom team trained in Kvitfjell as well. With Sebastian Foss Solevåg in the front line, a parallel slalom race was arranged in the lower part of the course. A very engaging attraction for the alpine sports enthusiasts in the audience.

This year there was also great interest from both the audience and the media on measuring and confirming that the local business GIAX in Ringeby had produced the world’s largest cheese slicer. Height: 7,796 m!

Kjetil Jansrud won 2 out of 3 races in Kvitfjell in 2014. After 3 World Cup victories in Downhill and 2 in Super-G earlier in the 2015 season, a lot was expected from Kjetil Jansrud in the Downhill on Saturday. A substantial amount of spectators were attending to cheer Kjetil on, as he was the only victory candidate for Norway in Aksel Lund Svindal’s absence. But Kjetil disappointed himself and the audience, as he came in 7th in the end. Hannes Reichelt (AUT) won the race by a significant margin over Manuel Osborne-Paradis (CAN) and Werner Heel (ITA).

But the day after in the Super-G, Jansrud was back on his winning track, and was able to climb to the top of the podium for the fifth time in Kvitfjell. With this victory in Kvitfjell he also achieved the World Cup Crystal Globe in Super-G for the season of 2014/2015. In the following World Cup finals, he also took home the Globe in Downhill.

Results, 2015 men
DH: Hannes Reichelt, Austria. Manuel Osborne-Paradis, Canada. Werner Heel, Italy.
SG: Kjetil Jansrud, Norway. Vincent Kriechmayr, Austria. Dustin Cook, Canada.