

Photo Pontus Lundahl (stort bilde) og Dominic Ebenbichler



Nina Løseth won her first World Cup race in January.



Henrik Kristoffersen has performed great this whole year.

The best Norwegian WC season of all time

Norwegian alpine sports history has many highlights and many profiles, but 2016 is so far the greatest year when it comes to the WC. Norway has never won as many WC races as in this season: 20 times the alpine skier on the top of the podium was Norwegian!

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The speed team for men had a total of 13 wins. Aksel Lund Svindal won 7 times and Kjetil 4 times. Aksels achievement was particularly impressive, considering the fact that he had to end the season after an ugly fall in Kitzbuhel (AUT). In December, the two was accompanied by Aleksander Aamodt Kilde on the podium, a triple victory in SG for Norway! The person last mentioned followed up by taking his first WC victory, the Downhill in Garmisch. Adding the victory in Hinterstoder (AUT) in SG right before the WC final, he ended up winning The Super-G globe in the 2015/16 season.

We also have to mention the great technical skier Henrik Kristoffersen, with his 6 wins in Slalom, including all the classics. And the Slalom globe, of course. And last but not least: Nina Løseth's Slalom victory in January in Santa Caterina (ITA).

In Kvitfjell everything was set for the WC circus. The winter conditions were great, 2 good days of training and 2 races where all units of the technical machinery worked well.

The expectations surrounding Jansrud and Aamodt Kilde during the Downhill were high. They didn't quite succeed compared to their own expectations, coming in 5th and 7th. But on Sunday Kjetil was back on the winning streak, and won the Super-G race, while Aamodt Kilde came in 4th and added to his lead in the Super-G cup. And a new Norwegian speed alpine skier presented himself: Adrian Smiseth Sejersted was back after a cruciate ligament injury and got his first WC points with an 18th place in the SG.

Kjetil Jansrud won his 5th WC race in Kvitfjell, 4 of them in SG. Adding Aksel's victory in the same discipline in 2013, there was a Norwegian on the top of the Super-G podium every year in Kvitfjell from 2012 to 2016.

The Downhill on Saturday was won by Dominik Paris (ITA). This would not be the last time he was on the podium in Kvitfjell. According to the organizer, the 2016 WC in Kvitfjell will be remembered as one of the best events in history.

Results:
 DH: Dominik Paris (ITA), Valentin Giraud Moine (FRA), Steven Nyman (USA)
 SG: Kjetil Jansrud (NOR), Vincent Kriechmayr (AUT), Dominik Paris (ITA)