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<p><b>Florschuetz, André</b> 06.08.1976 183cm - 85kg Residence: Erfurt PoB: Sonneberg Sports soldier active since: 1985</p> <p><b>Wustlich, Torsten</b> 02.02.1977 170cm - 73kg Residence: Bärenstein PoB: Annaberg-Buchholz Sports soldier active since: 1987</p>	GER	<p>2006 Olympics 2<sup>nd</sup>; 2001, 2005 and 2008 World champions; 2005, 2008 and 2009 World champions team and relay; 2004 and 2009 Worlds 2<sup>nd</sup>; 1999 World 2<sup>nd</sup> team; 2004 + 2008 Europeans 5<sup>th</sup>; 2002 + 2005 Europeans 7<sup>th</sup>; Europeans 2010 no participation; 2000-01, 2003-04 and 2004-05 overall World Cup 2<sup>nd</sup>; 2005-06 overall World Cup 3<sup>rd</sup>.</p> <p><i>altogether eleven World Cup victories (2000-01: Altenberg; 2003-04: Calgary; Winterberg; 2004-05: Sigulda, Oberhof; 2005-06: Igls, Oberhof; 2007-08: Sigulda; 2008-09: Vancouver; 2009-10: Altenberg, Oberhof)</i></p> <p><b>best World Cup results / final standings 2009-10</b> 1<sup>st</sup> in Altenberg + Oberhof; 2<sup>nd</sup> in Calgary, Igls + Koenigssee; 5<sup>th</sup> in Lillehammer; 6<sup>th</sup> Cesana; 12<sup>th</sup> in Winterberg.</p> <p><b>Overall World Cup 1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>Overall Challenge Cup 5<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>From the operating table onto the podium</b> Last year André Florschuetz made the podium right off the operating table so to speak. Only 70 days after his spinal disc surgery Florschuetz and his partner Torsten Wustlich earned the World silver medal in Lake Placid. Both have not yet decided if they will continue their active career. Both are studying at the Cologne Coaches Academy. By the way – André's younger brother Thomas will compete at the Olympic bobsleigh events. He earned a silver medal at the 2008 World Bobsleigh Championships in the two-man.</p>
<p><b>Grimmette, Mark</b> 23.01.1971 185cm – 90kg Residence: Muskegon, MI PoB: Ann Arbor Student active since: 1984</p> <p><b>Martin, Brian</b> 19.01.1974 173cm – 72kg Residence: Palo Alto, CA PoB: Stanford, CA Sports professional active since: 1988</p>	USA	<p>2002 Olympics 2<sup>nd</sup>; 1998 Olympics 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2004 and 2005 Worlds 2<sup>nd</sup> team; 1999, 2000, 2004, 2005, 2007 and 2009 Worlds 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2001 Worlds 3<sup>rd</sup> team; 2008 Worlds 9<sup>th</sup>; 1997-98, 1998-99, 2002-03 overall World Cup winner; 2008-09 overall World Cup 8<sup>th</sup>; 2008-09 overall Challenge Cup 7<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><i>Altogether eleven World Cup victories (1997-/98: Sigulda, Koenigssee, Calgary, Winterberg; 1998-99: Winterberg; 2000-01: Nagano; 2002-03: Park City, Winterberg (together with Leitner-Resch/GER); 2003-04: Park City; 2004-05: Calgary; 2005-06: Calgary)</i></p> <p><b>best World Cup results / final standings 2009-10</b> 4<sup>th</sup> in Winterberg; 7<sup>th</sup> in Oberhof; 8<sup>th</sup> in Calgary; 11<sup>th</sup> in Koenigssee + Cesana; 15<sup>th</sup> in Altenberg; 18<sup>th</sup> in Igls.</p> <p><b>Overall World Cup 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Overall Challenge Cup 6<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Old hands with a chance to win a medal</b> They're not destined yet for the scrap heap. Since 1998 they captured a total of eight medals at Winter Games (1998 bronze, 2002 silver) as well as at World Championships (bronze in 1999, 2000, 2004, 2005, 2007 and 2009). Last year's bronze medal was a surprise for many of the experts. Qualified for their fourth Olympic Games only via a team selection process.</p>



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<p><b>Harnis, Jan</b> 13.04.1985 Residence: Stara Lesna Student active since: 1998</p> <p><b>Regec, Branislav</b> 13.07.1985 Residence: Poprad Student active since: 2000</p>	SVK	<p>2009 Worlds 13<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> relay; 2008 Worlds 14<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> team relay; 2010 Europeans 11<sup>th</sup>; 2008 Europeans 13<sup>th</sup> doubles and 6<sup>th</sup> team relay; 2005 junior Worlds 6<sup>th</sup>; 2008-09 overall World Cup 12<sup>th</sup>; 2008-09 overall Challenge Cup 13<sup>th</sup>;</p> <p><b><u>best World Cup results / final standings 2009-10</u></b> 9<sup>th</sup> in Calgary; 10<sup>th</sup> in Igls; 14<sup>th</sup> in Lillehammer + Oberhof; 18<sup>th</sup> in Altenberg. <b>Overall World Cup 17<sup>th</sup>.</b> <b>Overall Challenge Cup 9<sup>th</sup>.</b></p>	<p><b>Break lights on their sleds</b> They always cause a stir on the tracks around the world because their sled is equipped with break lights. They adopted this gadget from their compatriots Mick-Marx. Posted a disappointing 11<sup>th</sup> place at the Europeans.</p>
<p><b>Kuzmich, Michail</b> 08.10.1982 185 cm - 85 kg Residence: Krasnojarsk Sports instructor active since: 1990</p> <p><b>Mikheev, Stanislav</b> 21.05.1989 172 cm - 68 kg Residence: Dmitrov Sports instructor active since: 2006</p>	RUS	<p>2009 Worlds 11<sup>th</sup>; 2008 Worlds 8<sup>th</sup>; 2010 Europeans 6<sup>th</sup> doubles and 4<sup>th</sup> relay; 2008 Europeans 8<sup>th</sup> doubles and 5<sup>th</sup> relay; 2007-08 overall World Cup 13<sup>th</sup>; 2008-09 overall World Cup 11<sup>th</sup>; 2007-08 overall Challenge Cup 13<sup>th</sup>; 2008-09 overall Challenge Cup 8<sup>th</sup>;</p> <p><b><u>best World Cup results / final standings 2009-10</u></b> 10<sup>th</sup> in Cesana; 11<sup>th</sup> in Winterberg; 13<sup>th</sup> in Oberhof; 16<sup>th</sup> in Calgary + Koenigssee; 17<sup>th</sup> in Altenberg. <b>Overall World Cup 16<sup>th</sup>.</b> <b>Overall Challenge Cup 15<sup>th</sup>.</b></p>	<p><b>Since 2008 a doubles' team</b> Together with his former partner Yuri Veselov Michail Kuzmich achieved a 14<sup>th</sup> place at the 2002 Olympic Games as well as an 11<sup>th</sup> place at the 2006 Olympics in Turin. Formed a team with Veselov until 2007. His younger brother Pavel (21) also competes in the double-seater events and achieved a 16<sup>th</sup> position in this year's overall World Cup ranking.</p>



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<p><b>Leitner, Patric</b> 23.02.1977 189cm - 83kg PoB: Berchtesgaden Residence: Marktschellenberg Sports soldier active since: 1987</p> <p><b>Resch, Alexander</b> 05.04.1979 179cm - 75kg PoB: Berchtesgaden Residence: Berchtesgaden Sports soldier, Student active since: 1990</p>	GER	<p>2002 Olympic champions; 2006 Olympics 6<sup>th</sup>; 1999, 2000, 2004 and 2007 World champion doubles; 2001, 2003, 2004 and 2007 World champions team; 2005 Worlds 2<sup>nd</sup>; 2003 Worlds 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2008 Worlds 11<sup>th</sup>; 2001 and 2009 Worlds 5<sup>th</sup>; 2000, 2002 and 2006 European champions; 2008 Europeans 3<sup>rd</sup> doubles and 4<sup>th</sup> team relay; 2010 Europeans no participation; 1999-00, 2001-02, 2003-04, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 overall World Cup winner; 2002/03, 2008/09 + 2009/10 overall World Cup 2<sup>nd</sup>; 2003-04 and 2007-08 overall Challenge Cup winner; 2008-09 overall Challenge Cup 3<sup>rd</sup>.</p> <p><b>Record winner with altogether 34 World Cup victories</b> (1998-99: St. Moritz, Nagano; 1999-2000: Lillehammer, Altenberg, Calgary, Igls, Oberhof; 2000-01: La Plagne, Igls, Park City; 2001-02: Calgary, Koenigssee, Winterberg; 2002-03: Calgary, Lillehammer, Winterberg (together with Grimmette-Martin/USA); 2003-04: Igls, Koenigssee; 2004-05: Koenigssee, Igls; 2005-06: Cesana, Lake Placid, Koenigssee; 2006-07: Calgary, Nagano, Koenigssee, Winterberg; 2007-08: Calgary, Igls, Koenigssee, Altenberg; 2008-09: Koenigssee; 2009-10: Calgary, Igls)</p> <p><b>best World Cup results / final standings 2009-10</b> 1<sup>st</sup> in Calgary + Igls; 3<sup>rd</sup> in Winterberg, Oberhof + Cesana; 4<sup>th</sup> in Koenigssee; 6<sup>th</sup> in Altenberg + Lillehammer. <b>Overall World Cup 2<sup>nd</sup>.</b> <b>Overall Challenge Cup 4<sup>th</sup>.</b></p>	<p><b>Final stroke on February 17, 2010</b> With regard to their unique luge career the two will draw a final stroke on February 17, 2010 – and that without any “ifs and buts”. Preferably, of course, with a gold, silver or bronze medal. Despite their first defeat at the World Cup event in Koenigssee, their fans prepared a great farewell party. Highlight: an especially composed and written song "Servus Leitner-Resch". Many were moved to tears. Within the Federal Police Patric will remain close to the sport of luge as a coach. Alex will finish his studies. Record-winners in the Luge World Cup with a total of 34 individual victories. Additionally they are the most successful doubles' team in the World Championship rankings with four gold and one silver and bronze medal respectively.</p>



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<p><b>Linger, Andreas</b> 31.05.1981 184cm – 80kg PoB: Hall in Tirol Residence: Absam Sports soldier active since: 1992</p> <p><b>Linger, Wolfgang</b> 04.11.1982 176cm – 70kg PoB: Hall in Tirol Residence: Absam Sports soldier active since: 1992</p>	AUT	<p>2006 Olympic champions; 2002 Olympics 8<sup>th</sup>; 2003 World champion and 3<sup>rd</sup> team; 2007 Worlds 4<sup>th</sup>; 2004 Worlds 5<sup>th</sup>; 2008 Worlds 7<sup>th</sup>; 2009 Worlds 20<sup>th</sup>; 2010 Europeans champions doubles and 2<sup>nd</sup> relay; 2008 European 2<sup>nd</sup> doubles and team relay; 2004 European 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2002 European 6<sup>th</sup>; 2006 European 8<sup>th</sup>; 2004-05, 2007-08 + 2008-09 overall World Cup 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2002-03 and 2003-04 overall World Cup 4<sup>th</sup>; 2003-04 overall winner Challenge Cup; 2007-08 overall Challenge Cup 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2008-09 overall Challenge Cup 6<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><i>altogether <b>six World Cup victories</b> (2002-03: Altenberg; 2003-04: Sigulda, Altenberg; 2004-05: Altenberg; 2007-08: Lake Placid; 2009-10: Lillehammer)</i></p> <p><b>best World Cup results / final standings 2009-10</b> 1<sup>st</sup> in Lillehammer; 3<sup>rd</sup> in Igls + Koenigssee; 4<sup>th</sup> in Calgary, Altenberg, Oberhof + Cesana; 9<sup>th</sup> in Winterberg.</p> <p><b>Overall World Cup 5<sup>th</sup>.</b> <b>Overall Challenge Cup 2<sup>nd</sup>.</b></p>	<p><b>Title collection completed with European gold medal</b> Andreas and Wolfgang Linger have completed their medal collection at the 42<sup>nd</sup> FIL European Championships. Seven years after their World Championship title and four years after their 2006 Olympic gold medal the two brothers now earned a European gold medal in Sigulda. It was the first for the Austrians after 28 years - when Lemmerer-Sulzbacher achieved this feat. As in the past, the two Linger brothers are considered among the top medal contenders for the Olympic double-seater event at the "Whistler Sliding Center". As consistent this season as hardly ever before.</p>
<p><b>Moffat, Chris</b> 22.09.1979 186cm – 90kg PoB: Calgary Residence: Calgary Sports professional active since: 1991</p> <p><b>Moffat, Mike</b> 27.05.1982 172cm – 85kg PoB: Calgary Residence: Calgary Parole officer active since: 1991</p>	CAN	<p>2006 Olympics 9<sup>th</sup>; 2008 Worlds 10<sup>th</sup> doubles and 7<sup>th</sup> team relay; 2009 Worlds 10<sup>th</sup>; 2007 Worlds 12<sup>th</sup>; 2008-09 overall World Cup 17<sup>th</sup>; 2006-07 overall World Cup 10<sup>th</sup>; 2007-08 overall Challenge Cup 7<sup>th</sup>; 2008-09 overall Challenge Cup 12<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>best World Cup results / final standings 2009-10</b> 10<sup>th</sup> in Calgary; 11<sup>th</sup> in Igls + Oberhof; 14<sup>th</sup> in Altenberg + Koenigssee.</p> <p><b>Overall World Cup 15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Overall Challenge Cup 16<sup>th</sup>.</b></p>	<p><b>Third Olympic Games</b> Both used to compete with different partners. The brothers Chris and Mike Moffat have formed a team only in the 2005- 2006 season. Will compete in their third Olympic Games. Achieved a ninth place at the 2006 Games in Turin. In 2002, Chris Moffat and his former partner Eric Pothier posted a fifth place. Their father Ed will serve as Race Director at the Olympic Winter Games at the "Whistler Sliding Center".</p>



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<p><b>Niccum, Christian</b> 27.01.1978 187cm – 86kg PoB: Minneapolis Residence: Woddiville, WA Sports professional</p> <p><b>Joye, Daniel</b> 19.02.1985 167cm – 62kg PoB: San Tome, Venezuela Residence: Carmel, NY Sports professional</p>	USA	<p>2009 Worlds 6<sup>th</sup>; 2008 Worlds 6<sup>th</sup> doubles and 5<sup>th</sup> team relay; 2008-09 overall World Cup 13<sup>th</sup>; 2007-09 overall World Cup 8<sup>th</sup>; 2008-09 overall Challenge Cup 10<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>Best World Cup results / final standings 2009-10</b> 4<sup>th</sup> in Lillehammer; 5<sup>th</sup> in Cesana; 6<sup>th</sup> in Koenigssee; 8<sup>th</sup> in Winterberg; 9<sup>th</sup> in Altenberg + Oberhof; 12<sup>th</sup> in Igls. <b>Overall World Cup 8<sup>th</sup>.</b> <b>Overall Challenge Cup 13<sup>th</sup>.</b></p>	<p><b>Niccum-McClain used to achieve top results</b> Together with his former partner Matt McClain, Christian Niccum posted three World Cup victories in 1996-97 (Lillehammer) and 1998-99 (Igls, Sigulda). After a break due to injury he returned to the sport of luge with different partners. Currently best US doubles' team with partner Daniel Joye. With his former partner Preston Griffal, Dan Joye achieved an eighth place at the 2006 Olympic Games and took the junior World Championship title in 2003. Niccum-Joye posted a sixth place at the 2009 Worlds. <b>Chris Niccum:</b> 3 World Cup victories (with former partner Matt McClain); <b>Daniel Joye:</b> 2006 Olympic 8<sup>th</sup> with former partner Preston Griffal.</p>
<p><b>Oberstolz, Christian</b> 08.08.1977 177cm – 81kg Residence: Antholz PoB: San Candido, Bozen Carabiniere active since: 1991</p> <p><b>Gruber, Patrick</b> 31.01.1978 170cm – 77kg Residence: Kiens PoB: Bruneck, Bozen Sports soldier active since: 1993</p>	ITA	<p>2006 Olympic 5<sup>th</sup>; 2002 Olympic 17<sup>th</sup>; 2007 Worlds 2<sup>nd</sup> team and 5<sup>th</sup> doubles; 2005 Worlds 3<sup>rd</sup> team and 4<sup>th</sup> doubles; 2004 Worlds 3<sup>rd</sup> team and 6<sup>th</sup> doubles; 2000 and 2009 Worlds 4<sup>th</sup> doubles; 2008 Worlds 21<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> team relay; 2003 World 5<sup>th</sup>; 2008 European champions ; 2004 Europeans 2<sup>nd</sup> ; 2006 Europeans 3<sup>rd</sup> ; 2010 Europeans no participation; 2004-05 and 2008-09 overall World Cup winner; 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 overall World Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> ; 2005-06 and 2006-07 overall Challenge Cup winner; 2004-05, 2007-08 + 2007-08 overall Challenge Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> .</p> <p><i>Altogether 15 World Cup victories (2001-02: Lake Placid; 2003-04: Lake Placid; 2004-05: Winterberg; 2005-06: Sigulda; 2006-07: Cesana, Park City, Oberhof; 2007-08: Winterberg, Sigulda; 2008-09: Sigulda, Winterberg, Cesana, Altenberg, Calgary; 2009-10: Winterberg)</i></p> <p><b>best World Cup results / final standings 2009-10</b> 1<sup>st</sup> in Winterberg; 2<sup>nd</sup> in Lillehammer + Cesana; 3<sup>rd</sup> in Calgary + Altenberg; 4<sup>th</sup> in Igls; 5<sup>th</sup> in Koenigssee; 19<sup>th</sup> in Oberhof. <b>Overall World Cup 3<sup>rd</sup>.</b> <b>Overall Challenge Cup 1<sup>st</sup>.</b></p>	<p><b>Finally the first title in 2008 !</b> They finally earned their first title at the 2008 Europeans in Cesana – even though they were always counted among the top medal contenders. Still without a World Championship medal – except for their 2007 silver medal and 2004 and 2005 bronze medals in the team event. However, they twice won the overall double-seater rankings. Within two days only, both became fathers in 2007. Christian Oberstolz is married to former luger Anastasia Antonova-Oberstolz (RUS/ITA).</p>



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<p><b>Plankensteiner, Gerhard</b> 08.04.1971 190cm - 96kg PoB: Sterzing Residence: Rasen, Bozen Forrester active since: 1983</p> <p><b>Haselrieder, Oswald</b> 22.08.1971 178cm - 72kg PoB: Völs Residence: Völs Forrester active since: 1987</p>	ITA	<p>2006 Olympics 3<sup>rd</sup>; 1998 Olympics 6<sup>th</sup>; 2002 Olympics 7<sup>th</sup>; 2009 World champions and 4<sup>th</sup> relay; 1996 Worlds 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2001 and 2008 Worlds 3<sup>rd</sup>; 1997 and 2005 Worlds 5<sup>th</sup>; 2003 and 2007 Worlds 6<sup>th</sup>; 1996 Europeans 2<sup>nd</sup>; 2002 Europeans 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2008 Europeans 3<sup>rd</sup> doubles and team relay; 2010 Europeans no participation; 2006-07 overall World Cup 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2003-04 and 2008-09 overall World Cup 5<sup>th</sup>; 2008-09 overall Challenge Cup winner; 2004-05 overall Challenge Cup 2<sup>nd</sup>; 2005-06 and 2006-07 overall Challenge Cup 3<sup>rd</sup>.</p> <p><i>altogether <b>five World Cup victories</b> (1994-95: St. Moritz; 1996-97: Nagano; 2002-03: Oberhof; 2006-07: Sigulda; 2008-09: Igls)</i></p> <p><b><u>best World Cup results / final standings 2009-10</u></b> 2<sup>nd</sup> in Winterberg; 3<sup>rd</sup> in Lillehammer; 5<sup>th</sup> in Oberhof; 8<sup>th</sup> Igls, Altenberg + Königssee. <b>Overall World Cup 6<sup>th</sup>.</b> <b>Overall Challenge Cup 11<sup>th</sup>.</b></p>	<p><b>World Championship gold after 19 years</b> 19 years after Hansjoerg Raffl-Norbert Huber earned the title, the team with Gerhard Plankensteiner-Oswald Haselrieder again achieved a World Championship gold medal in the double-seater for Italy in 2009. Their greatest success so far are a third place at the 2006 Olympic Games and the World Championship title. Since the summer of 2009 Gerhard Plankensteiner is married to Susi Erdmann, former World luge champion and Olympic bronze medallist in the bobsleigh.</p>



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<p><b>Schiegl, Tobias</b> 05.10.1973 188cm – 89kg PoB: Kufstein Residence: Langkampfen Sports soldier active since: 1985</p> <p><b>Schiegl, Markus</b> 07.06.1975 177cm – 72kg PoB: Kufstein Residence: Langkampfen Police officer active since: 1985</p>	AUT	<p>1998 and 2006 Olympic 4<sup>th</sup>; 2002 Olympic 6<sup>th</sup>; 1994 Olympics 10<sup>th</sup>; 1996 und 1997 World champions doubles; 1999, 2003 and 2007 Worlds 2<sup>nd</sup>; 2001 and 2008 Worlds 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2009 Worlds 17<sup>th</sup>; 1996, 1997 and 1999 World champions team; 2008 Worlds 2<sup>nd</sup> team relay; 1995, 2000 and 2001 Worlds 3<sup>rd</sup> team; 2002 Europeans 2<sup>nd</sup>; 1994, 1998, 2000 and 2010 Europeans 3<sup>rd</sup>; 1993-94 and 1998-99 overall World Cup 2<sup>nd</sup>; 2007-08 and 2008-09 overall World Cup 7<sup>th</sup>; 2001-02 overall Challenge Cup 2<sup>nd</sup>; 2002-03 and 2008-09 overall Challenge Cup 3<sup>rd</sup>.</p> <p><i>altogether five World Cup victories</i> (1993-94: Altenberg; 1998-99: Altenberg; 2001-02: Igls; 2002-03: Igls; 2006-07: Altenberg)</p> <p><b><u>best World Cup results / final standings 2009-10</u></b> 5<sup>th</sup> in Calgary; 6<sup>th</sup> in Winterberg + Oberhof; 7<sup>th</sup> in Igls; 9<sup>th</sup> in Koenigssee; 10<sup>th</sup> in Altenberg + Lillehammer. <b>Overall World Cup 9<sup>th</sup>.</b> <b>Overall Challenge Cup 12<sup>th</sup>.</b></p>	<p><b>Fifth Olympic Games</b> They upset the German medal festival at the 2008 Worlds in Oberhof by winning bronze. Thus they prevented a clean sweep of the German athletes. Since 1994 the two cousins are a kind of "old hands" on the luge circuit, always among the top teams in the double-seater events. Had to fear for their Olympic qualification for quite a long time, punched the ticket for their fifth Olympic Games only by earning the European bronze medal.</p>



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<p><b>Sics, Andris</b> 12.05.1985 180cm – 79kg Residence: Sigulda Student active since: 1995</p> <p><b>Sics, Juris</b> 26.04.1983 174cm – 74kg Residence: Sigulda Soldier active since: 1998</p>	LAT	<p>2006 Olympics 7<sup>th</sup>; 2009 Worlds 19<sup>th</sup>; 2005 and 2007 Worlds 10<sup>th</sup>; 2008 Worlds 3<sup>rd</sup> relay and 18<sup>th</sup> doubles; 2010 European champions relay and 4<sup>th</sup> doubles; 2006 Europeans 5<sup>th</sup> doubles; 2008 European champions relay and 7<sup>th</sup> doubles; 2008-09 overall World Cup 9<sup>th</sup>; 2007-08 overall World Cup 12<sup>th</sup>; 2007-09 overall Challenge Cup 9<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>best World Cup results / final standings 2009-10</b> 6<sup>th</sup> in Igls; 7<sup>th</sup> in Calgary + Cesana; 8<sup>th</sup> in Oberhof; 9<sup>th</sup> in Lillehammer; 10<sup>th</sup> in Koenigssee + Winterberg; 11<sup>th</sup> in Altenberg.</p> <p><b>Overall World Cup 7<sup>th</sup>.</b> <b>Overall Challenge Cup 3<sup>rd</sup>.</b></p>	<p><b>So far medals only with the team and in the relay event</b> So far the two brothers have only earned medals with Latvia's team and in the team relay event. Failed to achieve their first individual medal at the European Championships on their home track and "only" finished on fourth place. According to Norbert Huber, former top luger and now coach, their sleds show a striking resemblance to those of Italy and Germany...</p>
<p><b>Walker, Tristan</b> 16.05.1991 183cm – 80kg Residence: Calgary High school student active since: 2000</p> <p><b>Snith, Justin</b> 08.12.1991 176cm – 70kg Residence: Calgary High school student active since: 2000</p>	CAN	<p>2009 junior Worlds 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2008 junior Worlds 5<sup>th</sup>; 2008-09 junior World Cup 5<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>best World Cup results / final standings 2009-10</b> 13<sup>th</sup> in Calgary + Altenberg; 15<sup>th</sup> in Koenigssee + Oberhof; 17<sup>th</sup> in Igls. <b>Overall World Cup 21<sup>st</sup>.</b></p>	<p><b>Will take lessons at Olympic Games</b> The team earned a bronze medal at the 2009 FIL Junior World Championships in Nagano, Japan. Showed an impressive performance in Calgary when they finished on 13<sup>th</sup> place. Will compete at the Olympics back home already with an eye set on the 2014 Games. Canada's head coach Wolfgang Staudinger of Germany has a contract with Team Canada until the upcoming Winter Games in Sochi.</p>