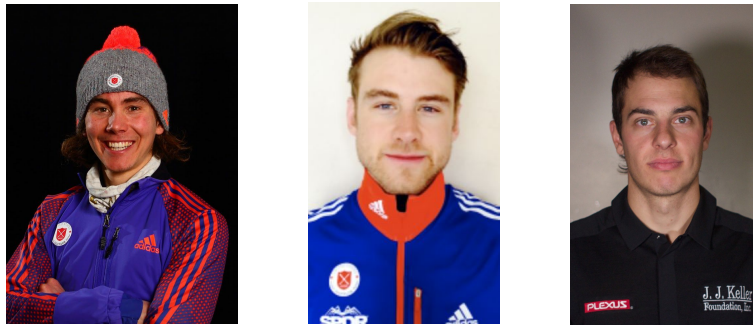


Short Press Release:

Team USA Biathletes Take on Norwegian Cup Series



(Pictured from Left to Right: Jake Brown, Max Durtschi, Paul Schommer)

Three Team USA biathletes are headed to the birthplace of Nordic sport to take on Norway's best in a multi-week Norwegian Biathlon Cup Series. American biathletes **Jake Brown** (St. Paul, MN), **Max Durtschi** (Ketchum, ID), and **Paul Schommer** (Appleton, WI) are looking to build on their successes on the IBU Cup, World Cup, and, most recently, the IBU Open European Championships in Ridnaun, Italy. The trio's aim is to progress their abilities and international experience by going against the best biathletes in Scandinavia.

The trio comes from a diverse array of backgrounds ranging from professional cycling to collegiate track and field, however Nordic skiing has served as a common thread for all since high school. All three are current or former residents of the Olympic Training Center located in Lake Placid, NY where they train as members of the US Biathlon team. Together, they have risen quickly through the biathlon ranks racking up national championship podiums, as well as IBU Cup and World Cups starts across North America, Europe, and Asia. Having pushed each other in countless training sessions, Brown, Durtschi, and Schommer now look to be motivated by top level international competition.

On top of stiff competition, they will face unique challenges during the trip including: logistical planning, equipment support, and lack of staff. The team, however, is confident that they will find support as they face the challenge!