

VEITERÄ – LAPPEENRANTA (UTC +3)



Veiterä captured the Finnish Championship in the very first season of the Championship, in the spring of 1951. After that Veiterä have won several gold medals in Finland. The last three seasons, Veiterä has won two gold and one silver in the Finnish play offs. Veiterä today has a young team for the future.

LAPPEENRANTA

Lappeenranta (Swedish: Villmanstrand) is a residential town in Finland. The resort was officially founded in 1649 by Per Brahe under Queen Kristina's government. Already in 1547 the place is referred to as a free market place and it had city privileges during Per Brahe's time, but lost them already in 1683, when the city was declared a market place under Viborg.

Lappeenranta is a city in south eastern Finland, about 30 kilometres from the Russian border. It belongs to the region of South Karelia. Lappeenranta is the 13th biggest city in Finland.

Lappeenranta is also a commercial centre of South-East of Finland and the meeting point of the EU and Russia, 216 kilometres from both Helsinki and S:t Petersburg. Located on the southern shore of Lake Saimaa makes the city the region's centre for tourism.

Lappeenranta is the second most visited city by Russian tourists in Finland after Helsinki and it competes with Helsinki for the largest share of tax-free sales in Finland. Lappeenranta is a model for renewable energies and clean living environment.

Lappeenranta is the traditional venue for bandy's Old Boys Championship, which is held every year, and so this year, November 21-23.

Population

72 661 people live in Lappeenranta.

Arena

Kisapuisto arena - Audience capacity 4 847.

Last season

Veiterä went to the Finnish play offs final game. Veiterä lost their title against JPS. It was a dramatic game and JPS won 5 goals to 4 after extended time and "sudden death" in the 92 minute.

New this season

Valery Gratchev	New head coach from Baikal Energy
Saku Herranen	WP -35

Players who left

Santtu Nurmi	Vetlanda
Christian Laibert	Hövik, Norway