

Facts & Figures for Ruka 2024

- Jessie Diggins (USA) won her second Crystal Globe and Tour de Ski titles in 2023/24, after winning her first in the 2020/21 season.
- Linn Svahn (SWE)'s five victories gave her the sprint title, and second place overall behind Diggins. These were the Swede's first World Cup wins since the 2020/21 season after she suffered a career-threatening shoulder injury.
- In her 11th season of World Cup racing, Victoria Carl (GER) claimed the first five individual podiums of her career, including a maiden victory in the 10km Classic in Trondheim, Norway.
- Therese Johaug (NOR) will make her competitive cross-country comeback, two years after retiring to start a family. She sits second among all-time women's World Cup race winners with 82, just two behind compatriot Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo on the overall list.
- In one of several changes to the mid-season Tour de Ski, there will be the introduction of a special climber's bib, with the top three climbers receiving prize money.
- It is Anne Kyllonen's 18th Sprint race in Ruka, and on Saturday it is also her birthday.

MEN

- Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo claimed an incredible 16 individual World Cup victories during the 2023/24 season, to move him two ahead of compatriot Therese Johaug (NOR) - who will make her competitive cross-country comeback this season – in the overall standings.
- This was not enough to earn Klaebo a fifth Crystal Globe, though. Harald Oestberg Amundsen claimed his first overall title, thanks in part to the three victories gained during the Tour de Ski, which Klaebo missed through injury.

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- Norway's men claimed all but four victories in the men's World Cup season, dominating the overall, distance and sprint standings.
- In winning the 10km Freestyle in Minneapolis, Gus Schumacher became the first American man to win a World Cup race since Simi Hamilton in 2013.
- Iivo Niskanen has achieved four victories in individual start events. Of his eight individual World Cup victories, six were won in Finland.