

- This is the eighth time **Trondheim** is hosting a World Cup stage. The first time was in the 1989/90 season, the last time in 2023/24. Last winter, Trondheim hosted the Nordic World Ski Championships for the second time, having also hosted it in 1997.
- **Norway** started the season winning all three Men's events of the first World Cup stage in Ruka, Finland – just like in the 2020/21, 2022/23 and 2023/24 season openers.
- **Martin Loewstroem Nyenget (NOR)** won the 10km Interval Start Classic race in Ruka last weekend, with **Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo (NOR)** in second place and **Mika Vermeulen (AUT)** third. It was the sixth World Cup win for Nyenget, who leads the Distance standings after the first weekend of World Cup action. Vermeulen reached the fourth podium of his career, but is still seeking his first World Cup win.
- **Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo (NOR)** won the Sprint Classic in Ruka, with **Erik Valnes (NOR)** in second place and **Ansgar Evensen (NOR)** third, as Norway produced their first clean sweep of the season. It was the 99th World Cup win for Klaebo, who comes to Trondheim as the leader of the Sprint standings. Evensen got the fourth podium of his career, but is still seeking his first World Cup win.
- **Harald Oestberg Amundsen (NOR)** won the 20km Mass Start Free in Ruka, with **Einar Hedegart (NOR)** in second place and **Edvin Anger (SWE)** third. It was the 12th World Cup win for Amundsen, and a second consecutive triumph in Ruka's 20km Mass Start Free. His 24-year-old teammate Hedegart claimed the second podium of his career after his second place in the 10km Interval Start Free in Oslo (NOR) last season.
- **Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo (NOR)** is seeking his 100th individual World Cup victory in Trondheim as the Sprint Classic triumph in Ruka was the 99th World Cup win of his career.
- **Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo (NOR)** holds the record for most individual World Cup wins in a single season since the 2022/23 season, when he topped the podium 19 times. Klaebo's 16 World Cup victories in the 2023/24 season is the second highest number of World Cup wins in a single season.
- **Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo (NOR)** also holds the record for most individual podiums in a single season from 2022/23, when he made it to the podium in 23 individual World Cup podiums.
- **Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo (NOR)** has won the overall World Cup title five times between 2017/18 and 2024/25. If he wins the 2025/26 overall Crystal Globe, he will equal his countryman **Bjoern Daehlie (NOR)**, who currently holds the record with the six overall titles that he won between 1991/92 and 1998/99. Klaebo is currently tied with **Gunde Svan (SWE)** on five titles. No other active Men's Cross-Country skier has more than two Crystal Globes.

- **Norway** dominated the World Championships in Trondheim last season, winning all six Men's events, **Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo (NOR)** leading the way with a clean sweep of six gold medals out of six events.