

PREVIEW MEN'S 10KM CLASSIC STYLE RUKA – Saturday 25 Nov 2023

Pål Golberg

- Pål Golberg won the distance crystal globe last season ahead of Johannes Høsflot Klæbo in second place. Golberg had a 104-point advantage over Klæbo after all 17 events.
- Golberg (8 podiums, including 3 wins) won the distance crystal globe despite having recorded less wins and podiums than Klæbo (10 podiums, including 9 wins) in those 17 events.
- At the age of 32 days and 253 days, Golberg became the second-oldest male winner of the distance crystal globe, behind only Pietro Piller Cottrer (34 years in 2008/09).
- Dario Cologna (4), Martin Johnsrud Sundby (3), Alexander Bolshunov (3) and Tobias Angerer (2) are the male cross-country skiers to have claimed the distance crystal globe more than once.
- Last season, all 17 individual men's World Cup distance events were won by Norway. Those 17 victories were divided between Klæbo (9), Golberg (3), Simen Hegstad Krüger (3), Iver Tildheim Andersen (1) and Harald Østberg Amundsen (1).
- Including 2021/22, Norway are on a streak of 19 consecutive wins in men's World Cup distance events. A streak that stretches back to Iivo Niskanen's triumph in the 15km classic style in Lahti on 27 February 2022.

Johannes Høsflot Klæbo

- Johannes Høsflot Klæbo (9 out of 17) won the majority of individual distance events in the 2022/23 men's World Cup season.
- Klæbo has won twice as few individual World Cup distance events (20) as individual World Cup sprint events (40, **excluding** the result in Ruka on 24 November).
- Klæbo triumphed in the men's 10km classic style event in Ruka in last season's World Cup (26 November 2022). It marked the first World Cup distance event that season as well.
- Klæbo also won the last two 10km classic style events in the men's World Cup: in Oberstdorf on 3 January (Tour de Ski) and Falun on 17 March.
- Klæbo and Iivo Niskanen (4 each) have won the most individual World Cup distance events in Ruka among men.
- Klæbo tested positive for COVID-19 on Tuesday 7 November. He was not fit enough to compete in Beitostølen.

Other contenders

- **Didrik Tønseth's** last World Cup win in an individual distance event came in the 15km freestyle in Falun on 12 March 2022.
- **Simen Hegstad Krüger** and Scott Patterson were the only men to take part in all 17 individual World Cup distance events in the 2022/23 season. Krüger achieved three wins in those 17 starts.
- Sweden's **William Poromaa** (7th) was the first non-Norwegian man in the final standings of the distance World Cup last season.
- Swedish men have not celebrated a victory in an individual World Cup distance event since Marcus Hellner took first place in the 15km pursuit freestyle at the World Cup Finals in Quebec on 19 March 2017.

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