

## PREVIEW MEN'S 20KM CLASSIC STYLE LES ROUSSES – Sunday 29 Jan 2023

### Johannes Høsflot Klæbo

- Norwegian men have won each of the last 13 distance events in the World Cup, including all 11 in the 2022/23 season. **Note:** the streak could continue in the 10km freestyle event in Les Rousses on 27 January.
- The streak of 13 began following **Iivo Niskanen's** triumph in the 15km classic style in Lahti on 27 February 2022.
- **Norway** achieved a 1-2 finish in each of the last seven men's World Cup distance events in the **classic style**, including all six this season.
- Johannes Høsflot Klæbo won all three men's World Cup distance events in the **classic style** in 2023, all stages in the Tour de Ski.
- Klæbo is the first man to have won three successive World Cup distance events in the **classic style** since Alexander Bolshunov had a streak of five from January to March 2021 (men's record).
- Klæbo has equalled his longest winning streak in World Cup distance events in the **classic style**: three in a row from March to December 2017.
- Besides Bolshunov's streak of five, only Vladimir Smirnov (4, February-November 1995) and Bjørn Dæhlie (4, March-December 1997) won four successive men's World Cup distance events in the **classic style**.

### Other contenders

- This marks only the second 20km classic style event in the men's World Cup in the last 10 years. **Pål Golberg** triumphed in the 20km classic style in Lillehammer on 4 December 2022.
- This is the first men's World Cup distance event in the **classic style** in France in 10 years. Alexey Poltoranin won the 15km classic style in La Clusaz on 19 January 2013.
- The 14 victories in men's World Cup distance events in France were divided among seven different countries: Norway (6), Sweden (2), Russia (2, including one by Soviet Union), Spain (1), Italy (1), Germany (1) and Kazakhstan (1).
- The only **non-Norwegian** men to finish on the podium in a classic style distance event in this season's World Cup were: Great Britain's **Andrew Musgrave** (3rd in Beitostølen), Italy's **Federico Pellegrino** (3rd in Val Müstair) and Italy's **Francesco Di Fabiani** (3rd in Val di Fiemme).
- The last victory by an Italian man in a World Cup distance event was achieved by Di Fabiani in Lahti on 8 March 2015 (15km classic style). **Note:** this excludes the 10km freestyle event in Les Rousses on 27 January.

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