

## PREVIEW MEN'S SPRINT CLASSIC STYLE LES ROUSSES – Saturday 28 Jan 2023

### General

- **This marks the 100th individual sprint in the classic style in the men's World Cup. The 100th women's individual sprint World Cup in the classic style is held in Les Rousses this weekend as well.**
- The first of the previous 99 individual sprint events in the **classic style** in the men's World Cup took place in Engelberg on 27 December 1999. Italy's Fabio Maj took the win that day.
- Johannes Høsflot Klæbo (14) won the most men's individual sprint World Cup events in the classic style. Jens Arne Svartedal follows on 11 victories.
- On the women's side, only Marit Bjørgen (16) and Petra Majdic (14) claimed as many individual sprint World Cup wins in the classic style as Klæbo (14).
- **This is the first ever men's individual sprint World Cup event in France. In either the freestyle or classic style.**

### Johannes Høsflot Klæbo

- Johannes Høsflot Klæbo has claimed 35 individual sprint World Cup wins, at least twice as many as any other man (Federico Pellegrino is next up on 17). Emil Jönsson (16) is in third place all-time.
- Klæbo has claimed the most **men's** individual sprint World Cup victories in both the freestyle (21) and classic style (14).
- On the women's side, only Marit Bjørgen (40, including 16 in the classic style) claimed as many individual sprint World Cup victories as Klæbo (35).
- **Klæbo won 27 of the last 30 individual sprint World Cup events he participated in. The exceptions were second places in Ruka (November 2020, 3-Days Tour), Ruka (November 2021) and Davos (December 2022).**
- This season, Klæbo took part in six of the seven men's individual sprint World Cup events (1-1-2-1-1-1). Klæbo did not compete in Beitostølen on 9 December due to illness.
- **Klæbo has won three successive men's individual sprint World Cup events for the first time since December 2021 - February 2022. The only men to win four in a row are Klæbo himself (5, March-December 2019) and Ola Vigen Hattestad (4, March-December 2008).**
- The last time Klæbo competed and failed to make the podium in an individual sprint World Cup event was in Lillehammer on 30 November 2018. He came 11th in the sprint freestyle during the 3-Days Tour.
- Klæbo reached the podium in 19 of his 21 participations in men's individual World Cup sprint events in the **classic style**. The exceptions came in Drammen on 3 February 2016 (15th on his WC debut) and in Lillehammer on 2 December 2016 (11th).

## Other contenders

- Johannes Høsflot Klæbo won five of the seven individual sprint events in the men's World Cup this season. The other two wins were claimed by **Richard Jouve** (classic style in Beitostølen on 9 December) and **Federico Pellegrino** (freestyle in Davos on 17 December).
- Only Klæbo (35) claimed as many men's individual sprint World Cup victories as Pellegrino (17). Only one of Pellegrino's 17 wins came in the classic style: in Canmore on 8 March 2016 (Ski Tour Canada).
- Since the start of 2022, the six men's individual sprint World Cup events in the **classic style** were either won by Klæbo or Jouve: Klæbo - Jouve - Jouve - Klæbo - Jouve - Klæbo.
- **The only Frenchman to claim an individual World Cup podium result on home snow was Vincent Vittoz: a second place in the 15km freestyle in La Clusaz on 6 February 2004. Note: this excludes the 10km freestyle on 27 January.**
- Jouve won three individual sprint World Cup events, all in the classic style: in Drammen (3 March 2022), Falun (11 March 2022) and Beitostølen (9 December 2022).
- The third place by **Janik Riebli** in the sprint freestyle in Livigno (21 January) was his first individual podium result in the World Cup.
- Switzerland won three men's individual sprint World Cup events: two victories by Dario Cologna (in Rogla on 18 December 2011 and in Otepää on 21 January 2012) and one by Christoph Eigenmann (in Munich on 31 December 2006).

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