

PREVIEW MEN'S 20KM CLASSIC STYLE LAHTI – Sunday 26 Mar 2023

Johannes Høsflot Klæbo

- If Johannes Høsflot Klæbo wins the sprint and 20km classic style events this weekend in Lahti, he will equal the record for most individual World Cup wins by any cross-country skier in a single season: Therese Johaug's 20 victories in 2019/20.
- Klæbo won eight of the 16 distance events in this season's World Cup, but he is trailing Pål Golberg in the distance World Cup standings.
- Only Martin Johnsrud Sundby (11 in 2015/16) and Alexander Bolshunov (9 in 2020/21) have won more distance World Cup events in a single season than Klæbo in 2022/23 (8). Sundby and Bolshunov also won the distance crystal globe in those seasons.
- After already having secured the overall and sprint crystal globes in this season, Klæbo has become the first man to have won nine individual crystal globes.
- The only man to have won three crystal globes in a single season was Thomas Alsgaard in 1997/98: overall, sprint and distance (it was called long distance at the time).

Pål Golberg

- Pål Golberg can win the distance World Cup this season and claim his first crystal globe. His only previous podium finishes in World Cup standings were third in the overall and sprint standings in 2019/20.
- Golberg (3) has already won more individual distance World Cup events this season than in all of his previous seasons combined (2).
- Four of his five individual distance World Cup wins were in classic style events, including the 20km classic style event in Lillehammer this season (December).

Other contenders

- **Iivo Niskanen** is the last non-Norwegian to have won a men's distance event in the World Cup: in the 15km classic style in Lahti on 27 February 2022.
- Niskanen won all of his eight distance World Cup events in classic style events (all 15km), including two in Lahti (2020, 2022).
- Only Vladimir Smirnov (6) and Bjørn Dæhlie (3) have won more individual distance World Cup events in Lahti than Niskanen.
- **Simen Hegstad Krüger** only claimed more podium finishes in distance events in 2019/20 (6) than in 2022/23 (5, including 3 wins). He has yet to finish on the podium of a World Cup distance event in Finland.
- **Martin Løwstrøm Nyenget** hopes to win his second individual World Cup event, after the 50km classic style in Oslo in March 2022



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