

## PREVIEW WOMEN'S SPRINT CLASSIC STYLE LAHTI – Saturday 25 Mar 2023

### Overall crystal globe

- **Tiril Udnes Weng** goes into Lahti with a 110-point lead over **Jessica Diggins** in second place in the overall standings.
- Weng could become the sixth different winner of the women's overall crystal globe in the last six seasons after Heidi Weng (2017/18), Ingvild Flugstad Østberg (2018/19), Therese Johaug (2019/20), Jessica Diggins (2020/21) and Natalia Nepryaeva (2021/22). It would be the first time that six different skiers claim the overall crystal globe (men's or women's) in six successive seasons.
- Despite leading the overall standings, Weng has won only one individual World Cup event this season, which is also her only individual World Cup triumph: the 10km pursuit classic style in Val Müstair on 1 January this year (Tour de Ski).
- Weng can become the second woman to claim the overall crystal globe while winning only as few as one individual event, after Larisa Lazutina in 1989/90 (11 individual events in that season).
- Weng has recorded three podium finishes in classic style individual sprint events, her most in a specific individual event.
- Diggins finished runner-up in the 2021/22 overall women's World Cup behind Natalia Nepryaeva. Diggins won the crystal globe in 2020/21.
- Diggins could become the 12th woman to win the overall World Cup more than once, and the first skier from outside Europe to achieve this feat.

### Sprint crystal globe

- **Nadine Fähndrich** can become the first Swiss woman to win a crystal globe. The only man to have won crystal globes for Switzerland was Dario Cologna (4 overall, 4 distance).
- Fähndrich has won three individual World Cup sprint events this season, but not since 31 December (Val Müstair, Tour de Ski).
- **Maja Dahlqvist** can win her second sprint crystal globe this season, after lifting the trophy last season.
- Dahlqvist can become the first Swedish woman to win two individual World Cup crystal globes. Stina Nilsson and Linn Svahn each won one crystal globe (both also in sprint).
- Dahlqvist has not won a sprint event this World Cup season, but finished on the podium six times (4 second places, 2 third place). In 2020/21 Anamarija Lampic won the sprint crystal globe without having won an individual sprint World Cup event that season.

## Kristine Stavås Skistad

- Kristine Stavås Skistad has won four of the last five individual sprint World Cup events. These are also her first podium finishes in World Cup sprint events.
- The last female cross-country skier to win at least five individual sprint events in a World Cup season was Stina Nilsson (6 in 2018/19).
- Skistad won the last four individual sprint World Cups she started in. The last woman to claim five successive sprint World Cups in which she competed was Maja Dahlqvist (5 from February to December 2021).
- The last woman to win at least five individual sprint World Cups in a season without winning the sprint crystal globe in that campaign was Stina Nilsson: six wins in 2016/17.
- Two Norwegian women have won at least five individual sprint World Cup events in a single season: Maiken Caspersen Falla (8 in 2015/16) and Marit Bjørgen (7-6-5-5 in four campaigns).

## Other contenders

- This season's five individual women's sprint events classic style in the World Cup were won by four different women: Kristine Stavås Skistad (2), Lotta Udnes Weng (1), Nadine Fähndrich (1) and Emma Ribom (1). There can be five different women with a World Cup victory in a classic style sprint event within a season for only the second time, after 2009/10 (5).
- Each of the last four individual sprint events on Finnish snow in the women's World Cup were won by different Swedish women: Linn Svahn, Maja Dahlqvist, Jonna Sundling and Emma Ribom. Only Norway has claimed five consecutive individual women's sprint wins on Finnish soil, when Marit Bjørgen claimed five straight wins from November 2010 to November 2012.
- **Jonna Sundling** has finished first or second in 12 of her last 13 starts in individual sprint events at major competitions (from the 2021 world championships onwards). The exception was a seventh place in Les Rousses last January.
- Sundling (7) is level with Linn Svahn (7) on second-most individual World Cup sprint wins among Swedish women, only behind Stina Nilsson (18).
- Germany's **Laura Gimmler** (4th in Drammen) and **Coletta Rydzek** (4th in Tallinn) are eyeing a podium finish in an individual sprint World Cup event. The last German woman to claim a podium finish in a sprint was Sandra Ringwald in Cogne in February 2019 (2nd place).
- The only win for a German woman in an individual sprint event was by Evi Sachenbacher-Stehle in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in December 2001.
- **Léna Quintin** finished fifth in the freestyle sprint event in Tallinn last Tuesday. The only French woman to record a podium finish in an individual sprint event in the World Cup is Aurore Jean: second in Sochi in February 2013.



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