

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

### Finland

- A Finnish woman has finished on the podium in the last four World Cup distance races in the **classic style**. This includes a win by **Kerttu Niskanen** in the 10km classic style in Beitostølen on 10 December.
- Niskanen is one of four women to have finished inside the top 10 in all six **classic style** distance events in the 2022/23 World Cup: 10 - 5 - 1 - 2 - 5 - 3. The other three are Frida Karlsson (absent), Katharina Hennig (absent) and Tiril Udnes Weng.
- Only Virpi Kuitunen (27) and Marja-Liisa Kirvesniemi (25) have recorded as many World Cup podium finishes in distance classic style events among Finnish women as **Krista Pärmäkoski** (21).
- Pärmäkoski won the 10km classic style at the World Cup final in Falun on 17 March 2018. She has recorded seven World Cup podium finishes in distance classic style events without winning since.
- Finland (2) are the only country to win multiple women's World Cup distance classic style events on French snow. The second of these wins was an Olympic gold medal in the 5km classic style by Marjut Rolig at Albertville 1992 Winter Games.

### Other contenders

- Frida Karlsson finished on the podium in all women's distance events in the **classic style** this season, including two wins. She will miss this World Cup weekend after catching a cold.
- Katharina Hennig won the most recent women's World Cup event in the **classic style**: the 15km in Val di Fiemme on 7 January (Tour de Ski). She does not compete in Les Rousses either.
- **Tiril Udnes Weng** finished inside the top 10 in all six **classic style** distance events in the 2022/23 World Cup: 9 - 2 - 7 - 1 - 4 - 7. Her win came in the 10km pursuit classic style in Val Müstair on 1 January (Tour de Ski).
- **Rosie Brennan** finished fourth in the 15km classic style in Val di Fiemme on 7 January (Tour de Ski). She has yet to finish on the podium in a classic style event.
- Women representing **United States** have never finished higher than third place in a World Cup distance event in the classic style. **Jessica Diggins** was the last to claim a podium finish, as she came third in the 10km pursuit classic style in Val di Fiemme on 6 January 2021 (Tour de Ski).
- **Teresa Stadlober** finished fifth in the 15km classic style in Val di Fiemme (Tour de Ski). She claimed one podium finish in a World Cup distance classic style event, a third place in Val di Fiemme on 6 January 2018 (Tour de Ski).



- Coming into this weekend, Austrian women have never won a World Cup event.

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