

PREVIEW WOMEN'S 20KM FREESTYLE GOMS – Sunday 28 Jan 2024

Jessica Diggins

- Jessica Diggins can become the first woman to win the 20km freestyle World Cup event more than once. She finished first (Davos, December 2022) and second (Ruka, November 2023) in the two events since the 20km freestyle returned to the World Cup calendar in 2022.
- Diggins won three of the five distance freestyle events this World Cup season, and claimed one second place (20km freestyle in Ruka).
- Coming into this weekend, Jessica Diggins has won four individual events in the 2023/24 World Cup, including the overall Tour de Ski. She can become the second USA woman to claim at least five individual World Cup victories in a season, after Kikkan Randall in 2012/13 (5).
- Cross-country skiers representing United States have won five individual World Cup events this season (Diggins 4, Sophia Laukli 1). Only in 2020/21 (6) did United States win more individual women's events in a single World Cup season. **Note:** excludes the sprint result on 27 January.

Other contenders

- **Frida Karlsson** won the 20km classic style in Oberhof last week. In January 2023 she won back-to-back distance events: 10km classic style and 20km pursuit freestyle, both in Oberstdorf.
- Among Swedish women, only Charlotte Kalla (9) has won more individual World Cup distance events than Frida Karlsson (8) and Ebba Andersson (7).
- Karlsson has yet to win an individual World Cup event on Swiss snow. As a junior she won the skiathlon event at the junior world championships in 2018 in Ulrichen.
- **Linn Svahn** has yet to win a distance freestyle event in the World Cup. She claimed her first and only podium finish in a distance freestyle event in the 20km pursuit freestyle in Toblach on 1 January 2024 (3rd place).
- **Victoria Carl** or **Katharina Hennig** can become the third German woman to win more than one individual World Cup event, after Claudia Nystad (4) and Evi Sachenbacher-Stehle (3).
- No German woman has won an individual World Cup event on Swiss snow.
- **Rosie Brennan**'s two individual World Cup wins both came on Swiss snow - a sprint and 10km freestyle in Davos in December 2020.
- Only Diggins (3) has won more individual World Cup events on Swiss snow among USA women than Rosie Brennan (2).
- **Moa Ilar** (or Jessica Diggins) can become the first woman to win the 20km freestyle World Cup event more than once. She won this event in Ruka this season.
- **Sophia Laukli** became the first woman born in this century (8 June 2000) to win an individual World Cup event when she won the 10km freestyle in Val di Fiemme on 7 January.

- Only Ingvild Flugstad Østberg (18) and Marit Bjørgen (15) claimed as many podium finishes in individual women's World Cup events on Swiss snow as **Heidi Weng** (15).
- Weng's only individual World Cup victory on Swiss snow was the 30km pursuit freestyle in Engadin on 14 March 2021.

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