

PREVIEW WOMEN'S SPRINT CLASSIC STYLE CANMORE – Tuesday 13 Feb 2024

Sweden

- Each of the three individual World Cup classic sprints this season were won by Swedish women. **Emma Ribom** won in Ruka (24 November) and Östersund (9 December), and **Linn Svahn** in Oberhof (19 January).
- Sweden can become the third country to win at least four individual World Cup classic sprints in a single campaign, after Slovenia (4 in 2008/09) and Norway (4 in 2011/12, 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2022/23).
- Sweden can equal its country record of four successive individual World Cup classic sprint victories, set between November 2020 and November 2021 (Linn Svahn 3, Maja Dahlqvist 1).
- No Swedish woman has won as many individual World Cup classic sprints as Svahn (5). Stina Nilsson (4) and Emma Ribom (3) are next on that list.
- In the last four years (from February 2020 onwards), **Jonna Sundling** finished on the podium in 10 of her last 12 World Cup classic sprint starts. The only exceptions were seventh places in Val di Fiemme (January 2021) and in Les Rousses (January 2023).
- Among Swedish women, only Stina Nilsson (11) recorded as many World Cup podiums in the sprint classic style as Sundling (11).
- Sweden **swept the podium** in this World Cup event in Oberhof (Svahn 1, **Frida Karlsson** 2 and Sundling 3). The only country to record successive clean sweeps in this World Cup event was Sweden itself, in the 2020/21 campaign (Ruka and Val di Fiemme).
- Sweden can become the second country with at least three different winners of this World Cup event in a single season, after Norway in 2014/15 (Marit Bjørgen, Ingvild Flugstad Østberg and Maiken Caspersen Falla).
- Sweden's best result in this World Cup event in Canada was a second place by Ida Ingemarsdotter in Canmore on 6 February 2010.

Other contenders

- No woman has won both a World Cup sprint freestyle **and** sprint classic at the same venue in a single season. One woman came close in achieving this: Pirjo Muranen in Engelberg in December 2000 (1st sprint classic, 2nd in sprint freestyle).
- **Kristine Stavås Skistad** is the only non-Swedish woman to claim a podium finish in this World Cup event this season: third in Ruka and second in Östersund.
- Skistad finished on the podium in five of the last six individual World Cup classic sprints, claiming three victories. The only exception was a fourth place in Oberhof on 19 January.
- Norway swept the podium in the most recent sprint classic style in Canada, in Canmore on 8 March 2016: 1-Maiken Caspersen Falla, 2-Astrid

Uhrenholdt Jacobsen, 3-Ingvild Flugstad Østberg. No country has won more than one individual sprint classic style event on Canadian snow.

- **Jessica Diggins** has yet to win an individual World Cup sprint classic event. Her best results were third places in Drammen (March 2018), Val di Fiemme (January 2020) and Oberstdorf (January 2020).
- **Rosie Brennan** will aim for her first podium finish in an individual World Cup sprint classic event. Her best result in this World Cup event was a fourth place in Östersund on 9 December 2023.
- Sophie Caldwell Hamilton is the only USA woman to have won an individual sprint classic event in the World Cup, in Oberstdorf in January 2016.
- The only **German** women to reach the podium in an individual World Cup sprint classic event were Manuela Henkel (5, from 2002 to 2006) and Denise Herrmann-Wick (1, in November 2013).

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