

PREVIEW WOMEN'S 10KM PURSUIT FREESTYLE RUKA – 28 Nov 2021

Therese Johaug

- Therese Johaug has won an all-time record 21 pursuit events in the World Cup. Bjørn Dæhlie follows on seven World Cup pursuit wins.
- Johaug finished on the podium in each of the last 33 World Cup pursuit events she participated in (19 wins), since a ninth place in the 16km pursuit freestyle in Toblach (Tour de Ski) on 6 January 2011.
- Johaug has only claimed as many World Cup pursuit victories in Val di Fiemme (7) as in Ruka (5). No other woman won more than four World Cup pursuits at a single ski resort.
- Johaug won 13 successive World Cup distance freestyle events from January 2019 to November 2020. The Norwegian participated in only one of the six World Cup freestyle events since, recording a second place behind Jessica Diggins in Falun on 29 January.

Other contenders

- **Jessica Diggins** (Val Müstair, freestyle) and **Yulia Stupak** (Toblach, classic) won the two most recent pursuit events in the World Cup.
- Stupak can become the first non-Norwegian woman to win successive pursuit events in the World Cup since Krista Pärmäkoski in 2016.
- Diggins could become the first non-Norwegian woman to win consecutive World Cup pursuit events in the freestyle since Charlotte Kalla in December 2007-January 2008.
- The eight previous Ruka pursuits in the World Cup were won by Norwegian skiers on seven occasions: Therese Johaug (5), Marit Bjørgen (1) and Ragnhild Haga (1). The only exception was Charlotte Kalla's win on 1 December 2013.
- **Ingvild Flugstad Østberg** claimed five World Cup pursuit wins, ranking her in fourth place on the all-time women's list behind Johaug (21), Bjørgen (6) and Justyna Kowalczyk (6).
- **Rosie Brennan** finished on the podium in the two most recent pursuit freestyle events in the World Cup, third in Ruka on 29 November 2020 and second in Val Müstair on 3 January 2021.
- Brennan could join Diggins (2) as the only non-European women to win a World Cup pursuit event.

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