Swedish skier Jacqueline Lockner has firmly established herself as the queen of the ski sprints in this year's China Tour de Ski as she again beat the field in Yan'an today. On the other hand, Simon Persson failed to do the same in the men's. He got eliminated in the semis and Norwegian Ragnar Andresen took top honours.

The fourth stage of this year's tournament in Yan'an, Shaanxi Province, was held in snowy and generally difficult conditions. After the classic-style marathon distance at Vasaloppet China in Changchun, the sprinters could again make their move. Andresen had been doing well in the previous two sprint stages and today managed to grab the stage victory ahead of the inevitable Czech Fabian Stocek, who has been piling up the podium finishes but has yet to win a stage! In third was the return of Lukas Johansson at the front of the results sheet and Italy's roller ski champion Emmanuele Becchis proved his potential with fourth place.

In the women's Lockner seems just too fast, but Finnish Noora Kivikko keeps scoring points as well. She came second today ahead of China's Qu Ying and Linda Danvild-Malm.

The final stage of this year's China Tour de SKi takes place in the outskirts of Beijing on Tuesday.
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