

PREVIEW MEN'S DOWNHILL KITZBÜHEL – Friday 19 January 2024

Marco Odermatt

- Marco Odermatt recorded his first two career World Cup downhill wins in Wengen. He became the first male skier to win a giant slalom, super-G and a downhill World Cup event in a single season since Didier Kuche in 2009/10.
- Odermatt can become the first male skier to win three consecutive World Cup downhill events since Dominik Paris won three in a row in January-March 2019 (including a win on the Streif).
- The last Swiss man to win three successive World Cup downhill events was Franz Heinzer, who won three in a row in January 1992 (including two wins on the Streif).
- If Odermatt (31) triumphs in both World Cup downhill events on the Streif, he can tie Bode Miller (33) in 10th place for the most World Cup victories among men.
- Odermatt has yet to win a Hahnenkamm race in the World Cup. His best result in the downhill on the Streif was a second place on 23 January 2022 (Beat Feuz was 0.21 seconds faster).
- Last season, Odermatt finished 54th in the first World Cup downhill event on the Streif. He missed the second event due to a minor knee injury.
- Since that 54th place on the Streif, Odermatt finished on the podium in 20 out of his 22 World Cup event participations (14 wins, three second places and three third places). The exceptions are a 15th place in the Soldeu downhill in March and a seventh place in the second Val Gardena downhill in December.
- The last skier to win the World Cup downhill event on the Streif in the same week was Beat Feuz in 2020/21 (22 and 24 January 2021). Luc Alphand (13 and 14 January 1995) is the last skier to have done the downhill double on the Streif on successive days.

Cyprien Sarrazin

- Marco Odermatt won three out of the last five World Cup speed events. The other two were won by Cyprien Sarrazin (Bormio downhill, Wengen super-G).
- Sarrazin can become the first Frenchman to win multiple downhill World Cup events in a single season since Antoine Dénériaz in 2002/03 (2).
- Sarrazin finished on the podium in four of his last five World Cup starts (1st, DNF, 2nd, 1st, 2nd). He had recorded only two career World Cup podium finishes prior to these results.
- Sarrazin's only finish in World Cup downhill events on the Streif is a 10th place on 20 January 2023. He recorded a DNF in the second downhill the following day.
- Sarrazin can become the third French winner of a World Cup downhill event on the Streif, following Jean-Claude Killy (won the inaugural event in 1967) and Luc Alphand (two wins in 1995 and one in 1997).

Streif

- The last six World Cup downhill events on the Streif were won by Beat Feuz (3), Aleksander Aamodt Kilde (2) and Vincent Kriechmayr. Last year, the winners on the Streif were Kriechmayr and Kilde.
- Kilde, the most recent winner of a World Cup downhill event on the Streif (21 January 2023), is out for the remainder of the season after a heavy crash in Wengen.
- Austria (25) and Switzerland (19) are the only countries to have won the World Cup downhill event on the Streif more than six times.
- Skiers representing Austria have won the World Cup downhill event on the Streif only twice in the last 10 years (since 2015): triumphs by Matthias Mayer (2020) and **Vincent Kriechmayr** (2023).

Other contenders

- **Vincent Kriechmayr** can become the first Austrian man to win multiple World Cup downhill events on the Streif since Stephan Eberharter won in 2002 and 2004.
- Kriechmayr recorded nine of his 17 World Cup wins in downhill events (eight in the super-G). He has yet to record a downhill podium finish this season (17th, 14th, 5th, 13th, 5th).
- Italian skiers have won the World Cup downhill event on the Streif on five occasions, wins by **Dominik Paris** (2013, 2017, 2019), Kristian Ghedina (1998) and Peter Fill (2016).
- Only Didier Cuche (5) and Franz Klammer (4) have won the World Cup downhill event on the Streif more than three times.
- Paris can become the first man to win a World Cup downhill event in 10 different calendar years.
- **Florian Schieder**'s only World Cup podium finish came in the downhill on the Streif on 20 January 2023 (second place). Kriechmayr was 0.23 faster than the Italian.
- **Cameron Alexander** aims to become the first Canadian on the podium in the World Cup downhill event on the Streif since Erik Guay finished second in 2013. The last Canadian downhill winner on the Streif was Todd Brooker (1983).
- **Niels Hintermann** came third in the first Streif downhill last season (20 January 2023). He has failed to record a World Cup podium finish since.
- **Bryce Bennett** can become the first male skier representing USA to record multiple World Cup downhill wins in a single season since Bode Miller won three in 2007/08.
- Bennett could become the second skier representing United States to win the World Cup downhill on the Streif, after Daron Rahlves in 2003.

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