

PREVIEW MEN'S GIANT SLALOM SCHLADMING – Tuesday 23 Jan 2024

Marco Odermatt

- Marco Odermatt has won each of the last seven men's World Cup giant slalom events, since Marco Schwarz was victorious in Palisades Tahoe on 25 February 2023. This is the second-longest winning streak in men's World Cup giant slalom events, after a run of 14 by Ingemar Stenmark from 1978 to 1980.
- Odermatt is the second male skier to win each of the opening four World Cup giant slalom events of a season, after Ingemar Stenmark (all 10) in 1978/79.
- Odermatt (18) is tied with Alexis Pinturault (18) in fifth place on the all-time list of male World Cup giant slalom winners. Stenmark (46), Marcel Hirscher (31), Ted Ligety (24) and Michael von Grünigen (23) make up the top four.
- Odermatt finished on the podium in each of his last 21 starts in World Cup giant slalom events (including 16 wins), since an 11th place in Lenzerheide on 20 March 2021. The only World Cup giant slalom event he missed in that run was in Schladming on 25 January 2023.
- Odermatt is yet to compete in a World Cup event in Schladming. He has recorded two giant slalom World Cup wins on Austrian snow, both in Sölden (2021 and 2022).

Other contenders

- The six previous World Cup giant slalom events in Schladming were won by Swedish (Ingemar Stenmark 2), Swiss (Thomas Bürger, Loïc Meillard) and Austrian (Rudolf Nierlich, Marce Hirscher) skiers. Stenmark is the only skier (male or female) with multiple World Cup giant slalom podium finishes at the resort.
- **Filip Zubcic** comes into Schladming in second place of the giant slalom standings, after he finished 4th-2nd-4th-3rd in the first four events of the season.
- All of Zubcic' giant slalom podium finishes prior to this season (three wins, five second places, one third place) came in a 14-month span between January 2020 and March 2021.
- **Žan Kranjec** finished third in two giant slalom events this season, both in Alta Badia. The last man to record at least three third-place finishes in the giant slalom in a single season was Henrik Kristoffersen (3) in 2015/16.
- Kranjec recorded one of his two career giant slalom World Cup wins in Austria: in Saalbach-Hinterglemm on 19 December 2018.
- **Henrik Kristoffersen**'s last giant slalom World Cup triumph was in Kranjska Gora in March 2022. He finished inside the top eight in 14 of his 15 participations in the event since that win (including five second places and two third places), with a DNF in Courchevel in March 2022 as the exception.



- **Loïc Meillard** won the giant slalom in Schladming last season, his only giant slalom World Cup victory of his career. His best result in the giant slalom since his victory last year is a sixth place in Val d'Isère on 9 December 2023.

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