

PREVIEW MEN'S SLALOM CHAMONIX – Sunday 4 Feb 2024

Anniversary

- **FIS celebrates its 100th anniversary this weekend. The international federation was founded on 2 February 1924 in Chamonix.**

Linus Straßer

- Linus Straßer won the two most recent men's World Cup slalom events: the Hahnenkamm race in Kitzbühel on 21 January and the night slalom in Schladming three days later.
- Straßer has won as many World Cup slalom events in 2024 (2) as in his previous 10 years in the World Cup combined (2, 2014-2023).
- Straßer has claimed four World Cup slalom wins. Among skiers representing Germany (including East and West), only Felix Neureuther (11), Armin Bittner (7) and Christian Neureuther (6) have claimed as many World Cup victories in men's slalom events as Straßer (4).
- **Straßer could become the first male skier representing Germany (including East and West) to win three consecutive World Cup slalom events. Like Straßer, Christian Neureuther (in 1973 and 1974) and Bittner (in 1989 and 1990) also managed to win two in a row.**
- Bittner (4 in 1989/90) and Felix Neureuther (3 in 2013/14) are the skiers representing Germany to have won more than two men's World Cup slalom events in a single season.
- Germany (including East and West) has claimed 30 World Cup slalom wins on the men's side, one fewer than on the women's side (31).
- Germany (including East and West) has yet to claim a World Cup victory in Chamonix. The country's only major victories at this resort were achieved by Christel Cranz in 1937: world titles in the downhill, slalom and combination.
- German men have never claimed a World Cup podium result in the Chamonix slalom. The country's best result was a fourth place by Christian Neureuther in 1975. Straßer came sixth in the Chamonix slalom exactly a year ago (4 February 2023).

Manuel Feller

- Manuel Feller won three out of six men's World Cup slalom events this season. The current leader in the World Cup slalom standings triumphed in Gurgl, Adelboden and Wengen.
- Feller can become the first man to win four World Cup slalom events in a single season since compatriot Marcel Hirscher won five in 2018/19.
- **Austria** won only one of the 12 men's World Cup slalom events held in Chamonix: a victory by Thomas Sykora in January 1997.

Other contenders

- Five out of six men's World Cup slalom events this season resulted in a win for either Manuel Feller (3) or Linus Straßer (2). The exception was Marco Schwarz' triumph in Madonna di Campiglio (22 December 2023). Schwarz suffered a season-ending knee injury in the Bormio downhill six days later.
- **Clément Noël** (2020, 2021) and Italy's Giorgio Rocca (2004, 2005) are the only men to have won multiple World Cup slalom events in Chamonix.
- Noël could equal Kjetil André Aamodt (3, 1994-2000) and a record three World Cup victories in Chamonix (all events, including women).
- **Fabio Gstrein** set the fastest time in the second run in Schladming after he was in 26th place following the first run. Gstrein moved up from 26th to 10th thanks to that strong second run.
- Gstrein's best result in a World Cup slalom event was fourth in Wengen on 16 January 2022.
- The **Norwegians** won five out of 10 men's World Cup slalom events last season, but are zero out of six in 2023/24.
- Norway's most recent World Cup victory in a men's slalom event almost dates a year ago: Alexander Steen Olsen in Palisades Tahoe on 26 February 2023.
- **Ramon Zenhäusern** emerged victorious in the Chamonix slalom in last season's World Cup. Zenhäusern has claimed one World Cup victory since: first place in the Soldeu slalom on 19 March 2023.

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