

PREVIEW MEN'S DOWNHILL – Thursday 28 Dec 2023

Aleksander Aamodt Kilde

- Aleksander Aamodt Kilde notched three World Cup downhill wins in 2023 (Wengen, Kitzbühel, Aspen), his second-highest tally in a calendar year after 2022 (5).
- Kilde is yet to win a World Cup downhill event this season. He secured two second places in Val Gardena on 14 and 16 December.
- Kilde only won as many World Cup downhill events in United States (3) as in Italy (3, all three in Val Gardena).
- Kilde's only podium finish in a World Cup downhill event in Bormio is a third place on 28 December 2022.
- In 32 of the last 33 World Cup downhill events Kilde has finished, he has recorded a top-10 result. The exception is a 16th place in Kitzbühel on 20 January 2023.

Dominik Paris

- Dominik Paris won seven individual World Cup events in Bormio (6 downhill, 1 super-G), more than twice as many as any other skier (Michael Walchofer follows on 3).
- Only Franz Klammer (25), Peter Müller (19) and Stephan Eberharter (18) won as many World Cup downhill events among men as Paris (18).
- Paris (34 years and 258 days old on 28 December) can be the oldest male skier to win successive downhill World Cup events since Aksel Lund Svindal (34y-355d) recorded successive wins in December 2017.
- Paris recorded his first world cup win in Bormio, a triumph in the downhill on 29 December 2012.
- Only Austria (37) and Switzerland (16) have claimed as many men's individual World Cup downhill wins on Italian snow as Italy (15).

Other Contenders

- **Bryce Bennett** recorded podium finishes in the first two individual World Cup downhill events in Val Gardena this season (1st, 3rd).
- Bennett had recorded only one podium finish in his first 76 individual World Cup downhill event participations (2013/14-2022/23), a win in Val Gardena on 18 December 2021.
- Bennett can become the first American man to record multiple World Cup downhill wins in a single season since Bode Miller won three in 2007/08.
- **Vincent Kriechmayr** is yet to finish on the podium in an individual World Cup downhill event this season. He won four of the 10 men's World Cup downhill events last season (Aleksander Aamodt Kilde won the other 6).
- Kriechmayr won the Bormio World Cup downhill event last season. He can become the first Austrian to win successive Bormio downhill events since Michael Walchofer won two in a row in December 2006.

- The last skier to win successive Bormio World Cup downhill events was Dominik Paris, who recorded four wins in a row between 2017 and 2019.
- **Marco Odermatt** has yet to claim a World Cup victory in a downhill event. His 27 individual World Cup victories came in the giant slalom (17) and super-G (10).
- Only Heinrich Messner (10) and Johan Clarey (10) claimed as many podium places in men's World Cup downhill events without ever winning as Odermatt (10, runner-up seven times and three third places).
- **Nils Allègre** (4th, 6th) recorded his highest World Cup downhill finishes in Val Gardena on 14 and 16 December. His previous best finish in the 46 WC downhill events he finished was an eight place in Val Gardena on 15 December 2022.
- Allègre or **Cyprien Sarrazin** could become the first French skier to record an men's individual World Cup downhill victory since Adrien Théaux won in Santa Caterina on 29 December 2015.
- The last individual World Cup downhill win for **Germany** was a Thomas Dreßen victory in Saalbach-Hinterglemm on 13 February 2020.
- **James Crawford** recorded two fifth places in the Val Gardena World Cup events two weeks ago. The reigning super-G world champion is yet to win a World Cup event.

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