

PREVIEW MEN'S DOWNHILL BEAVER CREEK – 1-2 Dec 2023

Aleksander Aamodt Kilde

- Last season, all 10 men's World Cup downhill events were either won by Aleksander Aamodt Kilde (6 victories) or Vincent Kriechmayr (4).
- Kilde was the first male skier to win as many as six World Cup downhill events in a single season since Eberharter in 2001/02 and 2002/03 (6 wins in both seasons).
- Kilde won the first World Cup downhill event in last season's World Cup (in Lake Louise on 26 November 2022). The last male skier to win the opening World Cup downhill event in back-to-back seasons was Eberharter (3, 2001/02 - 2003/04).
- Kilde won each of the last four men's World Cup events in Beaver Creek. The Norwegian achieved the speed double in both 2021/22 (3-4 December 2021) and 2022/23 (3-4 December 2022), directly following Marco Odermatt's win in the Beaver Creek super-G on 2 December 2021.
- Kilde (4) aims to equal Aksel Lund Svindal and Hermann Maier (both 6) as the skiers with the most World Cup wins in Beaver Creek. Ted Ligety (5) is third on that list.
- Norway (7) is the country to have won the most men's World Cup downhill events in Beaver Creek (including two wins by Kilde). Austria follows on six victories.

Vincent Kriechmayr

- Vincent Kriechmayr won four of the 10 men's World Cup downhill events last season (Aleksander Aamodt Kilde the other 6). Those four victories were his only World Cup podium finishes in the downhill in 2022/23.
- Kriechmayr won the final men's World Cup downhill event last season: in Soldeu on 15 March.
- Kriechmayr (9 World Cup downhill wins) can emerge victorious in back-to-back World Cup downhill events for the first time.
- Austria swept the podium in the Gurgl slalom on 18 November to claim its first 1-2-3 finish in a men's World Cup event since the Garmisch-Partenkirchen downhill in February 2015.

Other contenders

- The last male skier - other than Aleksander Aamodt Kilde or Vincent Kriechmayr - to celebrate a World Cup win in the downhill was **Dominik Paris**, in Kvitfjell on 5 March 2022.
- Only Franz Klammer (25), Peter Müller (19) and Stephan Eberharter (18) won as many World Cup downhill events among men as Paris (17).
- **Marco Odermatt** is the reigning world champion in the men's downhill. He triumphed ahead of Kilde (silver) and Cameron Alexander (bronze) in Courchevel on 12 February.

- Odermatt has yet to claim a World Cup victory in a downhill event. His 24 individual World Cup victories came in the giant slalom (14) 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 (9, runner-up seven times and twice in third place).
- Germany's **Romed Baumann** (+0.09) and **Andreas Sander** (+0.13) came second and third respectively behind Kriechmayr in the Soldeu downhill on 15 March.
- Baumann and Sander are eyeing the first men's World Cup downhill victory for Germany since Thomas Dreßen took the win in Saalbach-Hinterglemm on 13 February 2020.
- **Niels Hintermann** achieved the most recent victory for **Switzerland** in a men's World Cup downhill event: in the first Kvitfjell downhill on 4 March 2022. It was a shared win with Canada's Cameron Alexander.
- **Martin Cater** won the opening downhill event of the 2020/21 World Cup season in Val d'Isère, wearing bib number 41. This is his only World Cup podium result in his entire career. Cater's best result in a WC downhill event since his surprise win was a sixth place in Wengen on 15 January 2022.

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