

PREVIEW MEN'S SLALOM KITZBÜHEL – Sunday 21 January 2024

Manuel Feller

- Manuel Feller won three out of four World Cup slalom events this season. He finished fifth in the other event (Madonna di Campiglio).
- 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.
- Feller can become the first man to win three consecutive World Cup slalom events since Hirscher won four in a row between January and December 2018.
- Austria (Feller, Marco Schwarz, Feller, Feller) is the first country to have won the opening four men's slalom events of a World Cup season since Italy's Giorgio Rocca won the opening five events of the 2005/06 season.
- Austria (14) claimed the most wins in the Hahnenkamm slalom in World Cup history (France follows on 11 wins). The Austrians have not celebrated a victory in Hahnenkamm slalom since Marcel Hirscher's first place in 2017.
- Feller's best result in the World Cup slalom on the Ganslernhang is a fifth place in 2018. Last season, Feller was ranked first after the first run in the Hahnenkamm slalom, but straddled a gate in the second run leading to disqualification.
- Last year, Adrian Partl (9th) was the highest ranked Austrian in the Hahnenkamm slalom (22 January 2023). Fabio Gstrein came 10th.

Norway

- The only Norwegian man to have won the Hahnenkamm slalom is **Henrik Kristoffersen** (winner in 2016 and 2018). Ingemar Stenmark (5), Jean Noël Augert (3) and Marc Girardelli (3) have won the Hahnenkamm slalom in the World Cup more than twice.
- Kristoffersen finished inside the top five in each of the last five Hahnenkamm slaloms (1st, 4th, 4th, 3rd, 5th). No other skier achieved this.
- Kristoffersen is the reigning world champion in the slalom discipline. He failed to win any slalom event in the World Cup since that world title (5th, 3rd, 2nd, 7th, 6th, DSQ, 3rd).
- **Atle Lie McGrath** finished runner-up in last two World Cup slalom events, missing out on the victory by a small margin in Abelboden (+0.02 seconds) and Wengen (+0.10).
- McGrath claimed his only two career World Cup slalom victories in March 2022 (back-to-back wins in Flachau and Courchevel). He recorded three podium results in 12 World Cup slalom appearances since: second places in Abelboden (2023 and 2024) and Wengen (2024).
- McGrath's best result in a World Cup slalom on the Ganslernhang is a 22nd place in 2020.
- **Timon Haugan** (6th, 4th, 9th, 9th) is the only man besides Manuel Feller (1st, 5th, 1st, 1st) to have finished inside the top-10 in all four slalom World Cup events this season.

Other contenders

- The last 10 Hahnenkamm slalom races were won by skiers from seven different countries: Austria (2), Norway (2), Switzerland (2), Great Britain, France, Sweden and Germany.
- **Daniel Yule** won two of the last three World Cup slalom events on the Ganslernhang (2020, 2023), with the only exception being Dave Ryding's historic win here in 2022.
- Ingemar Stenmark (5), Jean Noël Augert (3) and Marc Girardelli (3) are the only skiers to have won the Hahnenkamm World Cup slalom more than twice.
- Reigning Olympic slalom champion **Clément Noël**, who secured the fastest time in the second run in the Wengen slalom last week, won the Hahnenkamm slalom in 2019.
- Noël aims to become the fourth Frenchman to win the World Cup slalom on the Ganslernhang more than once, following Jean Noël Augert (3), Jean-Baptiste Grange (2) and Patrick Russel (2).
- **Ryding** (37 years and 47 days) can become the oldest skier to record a podium finish in a World Cup slalom event, surpassing Giuliano Razzoli's third place at age 37 years and 29 days old in Wengen on 16 January 2022.
- Ryding made history in the Hahnenkamm slalom on 22 January 2022 as he became the first skier representing Great Britain to achieve a World Cup victory in this sport. The closest he has come to another World Cup win since were second places in Garmisch-Partenkirchen (February 2022) and... Kitzbühel (January 2023, 0.40 seconds behind Yule).
- The best results by Swiss skiers in men's World Cup slaloms this season are fifth places by Daniel Yule (Gurgl), **Marc Rochat** (Adelboden) and **Loïc Meillard** (Wengen).
- **Michael Matt**'s older brother Mario Matt won the Hahnenkamm slalom back in 2000. Mario Matt was only 20 years old at the time.
- **Linus Straßer** aims to become the first German to record a podium finish in the Kitzbühel World Cup slalom since Fritz Dopfer finished third in 2016.

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