

## PREVIEW MEN'S GIANT SLALOM ADELBODEN – Saturday 6 Jan 2024

### Marco Odermatt

- Marco Odermatt has won each of the last six 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 first male to win each of the opening three World Cup giant slalom events of a season since Ted Ligety in 2010/11. Only Ingemar Stenmark (all 10 in 1978/79) has had a longer winning streak from the beginning of a season in men's World Cup giant slalom events.
- Odermatt (17) is one short of moving joint-fifth alongside Alexis Pinturault (18) for most wins in men's World Cup giant slalom events.
- Odermatt finished on the podium in each of his last 20 starts in World Cup giant slalom events (including 15 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 won the men's World Cup giant slalom event in Adelboden in 2022 and 2023. Ingemar Stenmark (four from 1979 to 1982) and Hermann Maier (three from 1998 to 2001) are the only skiers to win more than two successive World Cup giant slalom events in Adelboden.
- Pirmin Zurbriggen (3) is the only Swiss skier to win more than two World Cup giant slalom events on home snow. All three of his wins were in Adelboden (one in 1983 and two in 1987).

## Other contenders

- **Marco Schwarz** is out for the rest of the season after tearing the cruciate ligament in his right knee in a fall during the World Cup downhill event in Bormio on 28 December. He had finished second in two of the three World Cup giant slalom events this season.
- **Zan Kranjec** finished third in both of the two World Cup giant slalom events in Alta Badia last month. The most recent of his two World Cup wins was in the giant slalom in Adelboden on 11 January 2020.
- **Henrik Kristoffersen** (five in Adelboden) and Zan Kranjec (five in Alta Badia) share the record for most podium finishes in World Cup giant slalom events at a single resort without ever winning.
- All three podium finishes for **Filip Zubcic** in World Cup giant slalom events in Adelboden were second places. Zubcic (second in Alta Badia on 17 December) is the only skier other than Marco Odermatt or Marco Schwarz to finish in the top two of a men's World Cup giant slalom event this season.
- Only Ingemar Stenmark (5) and Marcel Hirscher (4) have won more World Cup giant slalom events in Adelboden than **Alexis Pinturault** (3). The Frenchman recorded one victory in 2017 and two in 2021.
- Adelboden is the only resort **Loïc Meillard** has multiple podium finishes in World Cup giant slalom events. He was third on 9 January 2021 and 7 January 2023.

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