

## Preview Alpine Skiing 2023/2024 World Cup - Men

## **Marco Odermatt**

- Marco Odermatt won the overall crystal globe in each of the last two seasons. Last season, Odermatt (2,042) broke the men's record for most points in a single World Cup season (Hermann Maier amassed 2,000 points in 1999/2000). Note: the current scoring system was introduced in the 1991/92 season.
- Odermatt can become the fifth man to win the overall crystal globe in three consecutive seasons, after Marcel Hirscher (8 in a row between 2011/12 and 2018/19), Gustav Thöni (3 from 1970/71 to 1972/73), Ingemar Stenmark (3 from 1975/76 to 1977/78) and Phil Mahre (3 from 1980/81 to 1982/83).
- Only skiers representing Austria (17) have won the men's overall crystal globe as many times as Swiss skiers (9). Switzerland can win the men's overall World Cup classification in three successive seasons for the first time.
- Pirmin Zurbriggen (4) and Odermatt (2) are the only Swiss male skiers to have claimed the overall crystal globe more than once.
- Last season, Odermatt equalled the men's season record by winning 13 World Cup events. Ingemar Stenmark (1978/79), Hermann Maier (2000/01) and Marcel Hirscher (2017/18) also won 13 WC events in a single season.
- Odermatt has claimed his 24 victories in World Cup events in the giant slalom (14) and super-G (10) combined. In the downhill, he has recorded nine podium places but no wins (7 second places, 2 third places).
- Odermatt can become the first male skier to win the super-G crystal globe in back-to-back seasons since Kjetil Jansrud in 2016/17 and 2017/18.

## Aleksander Aamodt Kilde

- Aleksander Aamodt Kilde won the overall crystal globe in 2019/20. He could join Lasse Kjus (1995/96, 1998/99) and Aksel Lund Svindal (2006/07, 2008/09) on a joint-record two overall globes amongst Norwegian skiers.
- Kilde was the runner-up in the men's overall World Cup ranking in each of the last two seasons. The Norwegian did win the downhill crystal globe in both those seasons.
- Kilde can become the first Norwegian athlete to win the downhill crystal globe at least three times. Svindal (2012/13, 2013/14) also won this specific classification twice.
- This century, two men won the downhill crystal globe in three consecutive seasons: Beat Feuz (4 in a row from 2017/18 to 2020/21) and Stephan Eberharter (3 in a row from 2001/02 to 2003/04).
- Last season, Kilde won six men's World Cup downhill events, most in a single season since Eberharter won six in 2001/02 and 2002/03. Only Annemarie Moser-Pröll (8 in 1972/73) and Franz Klammer (8 in 1974/75) won more World Cup downhill events in a single season.





## Other contenders

- Henrik Kristoffersen recorded a podium place in the men's overall World Cup ranking in seven of the last eight seasons (5 third places, 2 second places). The exception in this run was the 2020/21 season (6th).
- Only Ingemar Stenmark (9, including 3 wins), Marc Girardelli (9, including 5 wins) and Marcel Hirscher (8, all wins) claimed more top three finishes in the men's overall World Cup than Kristoffersen (7).
- Only Stenmark (8), Hirscher (6) and Alberto Tomba (4) won the men's slalom crystal globe more often than Kristoffersen (3).
- Kristoffersen (30 wins) can become the second male skier to claim at least one World Cup victory in as many as 11 consecutive seasons, after Alberto Tomba (1987/88 to 1997/98). Vreni Schneider (1984/85 to 1994/95), Renate Götschl (1996/97 to 2006/07) and Mikaele Shiffrin (2012/13 to 2022/23) achieved this feat on the women's side (note: Shiffrin could make it 12 in a row this season).
- Lucas Braathen claimed the men's slalom crystal globe last season. He can become the first man to win the slalom globe in consecutive seasons since Marcel Hirscher (3 in a row from 2016/17 to 2018/19).
- Among the male alpine skiers who retired at the end of last season are Olympic champions Beat Feuz and Matthias Mayer. Feuz (16) and Mayer (11) combined for a total of 27 World Cup victories and 104 WC podiums.

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