

PREVIEW MEN'S SLALOM ADELBODEN – Sunday 7 Jan 2024

Austria

- Austria has taken four of the six podium places in the opening two events of the men's World Cup slalom this season, including wins for **Manuel Feller** in Gurgl and **Marco Schwarz** in Madonna di Campiglio.
- Austria can win three consecutive men's World Cup slalom events for the first time since a run of four (all by Marcel Hirscher) from January to December 2018.
- A country has not won each of the opening three men's World Cup slalom events of a season since Italy's Giorgio Rocca won each of the first five in 2005/06.
- Austria has won 10 men's World Cup slalom events in Adelboden, only one fewer victory than all other countries combined (11).
- Of the 21 men's World Cup slalom events in Adelboden, only two did not feature an Austrian on the podium (2002 and 2023).
- Schwarz (second in Gurgl and first in Madonna di Campiglio) is top of the men's World Cup slalom standings after two events of 2023/24, but he will miss 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.
- **Michael Matt** was second in the World Cup slalom event in Adelboden in 2018. His older brother, Mario Matt, won the World Cup slalom event in Adelboden in 2008.

Other contenders

- **Henrik Kristoffersen** (2) is one of two skiers to win multiple World Cup slalom events in Adelboden, alongside Marcel Hirscher (5). The Norwegian's two victories were in 2016 and 2017.
- Norwegians filled the top two places in last year's World Cup slalom event in Adelboden: Lucas Braathen (now retired) was first and **Atle Lie McGrath** was second. That was McGrath's most recent podium finish in a World Cup slalom event.
- Only once has **Daniel Yule** finished higher than seventh in a World Cup slalom event in Adelboden, but that was when he took victory in 2020.
- **Dave Ryding** (37y-033d) 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 was third in the World Cup slalom event in Madonna di Campiglio on 22 December. He has never finished on the podium in consecutive World Cup slalom participations.
- **Clément Noël** recorded a DNF in four of his six World Cup slalom events in Adelboden (second in 2019, eighth in 2021). The only French winner was Julien Lizeroux in 2010.
- **Linus Straßer** has not finished on the podium in a World Cup slalom event since a third place in Adelboden in 2023.

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