

PREVIEW MEN'S SLALOM WENGEN – Sunday 14 Jan 2024

Manuel Feller

- Manuel Feller won two out of three World Cup slalom events this season. He finished fifth in the other event (Madonna di Campiglio).
- Feller can become the first man to win three World Cup slalom events in a single season since Clément Noël and Daniel Yule both won three events in 2019/20.
- Austria (Feller - Marco Schwarz - Feller) is the first country to have won the opening three men's slalom events of a World Cup season since Giorgio Rocca (Italy) won the opening five events of the 2005/06 season.
- Austria claimed six out of a possible nine podium places in the opening three men's World Cup slalom events this season: Feller (1st, 1st), Schwarz (2nd, 1st), Michael Matt (3rd) and Dominik Raschner (3rd).
- No Austrian has finished on the podium in the men's World Cup slalom in Wengen since Feller (2nd) and Marcel Hirscher (3rd) finished behind Noël in 2019. That second place is Feller's best World Cup result at this resort.
- The last male skier representing Austria to win the Wengen slalom in the World Cup was Hirscher in 2018.

Other contenders

- Only Ivica Kostelic (4), Benjamin Raich (3) and Ingemar Stenmark (3) have won the men's slalom event in Wengen as many times as **Henrik Kristoffersen** (2016, 2017, 2023).
- 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).
- **Clément Noël** recorded two slalom World Cup wins in Wengen (2019, 2020). He can record three World Cup podium finishes events at a specific resort for the first time.
- **Dave Ryding** (37y-040d) 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.
- **Timon Haugan** (6th, 4th, 9th) and **Linus Straßer** (9th, 9th, 4th) are the only men besides Manuel Feller (1st, 5th, 1st) to have finished inside the top 10 in all three slalom World Cup events this season.
- **Daniel Yule** (11th) is the top-ranked Swiss skier in the current men's World Cup slalom standings. All other rankings are topped by compatriot Marco Odermatt entering Wengen (overall, downhill, super-G, giant slalom).
- The best result by a Swiss skier in a men's World Cup slalom this season are fifth places by Yule (Gurgl) and **Marc Rochat** (Adelboden).
- A Swiss skier finished runner-up in both of the last two men's World Cup slaloms in Wengen: Yule in 2022 and **Loïc Meillard** in 2023. The Swiss men to have won a World Cup slalom in Wengen are Dumeng Giovanoli (1968) and Joel Gaspoz (1987).

- **Atle Lie McGrath** claimed his only two career World Cup slalom victories in March 2022 (back-to-back wins in Flachau and Courchevel). He recorded two podium results in 11 World Cup slalom appearances since: second places in Abelboden (2023 and 2024).
- McGrath missed out on the slalom victory in Adelboden last week by 0.02 seconds. He set the 13th-fastest time in the second run, after he was the second-fastest skier in the first run.
- **Dominik Raschner** (3rd in Adelboden) recorded a World Cup podium in the slalom for the first time last week. His previous best World Cup results in this discipline were 16th places in Abelboden (2022) and Kitzbühel (2022).
- **Alexander Steen Olsen** was the fastest skier in the first run in the Adelboden slalom last week, but failed to finish in run two.

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