

## PREVIEW MEN'S DOWNHILL WENGEN – Thursday 11 Jan 2024

### Aleksander Aamodt Kilde

- Aleksander Aamodt Kilde recorded a top 10 result in 32 of the last 33 World Cup downhill events he finished. The exception is a 16th place in Kitzbühel on 20 January 2023.
- Kilde did not finish in the previous World Cup downhill event, in Bormio on 28 December. The Norwegian quit his run after his ski hit a rock and got damaged on the Stelvio.
- Kilde won two out of the last three downhill World Cup events in Wengen (on 14 January in 2022 and 2023). Only Beat Feuz (3) and Franz Klammer (3) won more than two men's World Cup downhill events in Wengen.
- Kilde can win three World Cup downhill events at a specific resort for the second time, following three wins in Val Gardena.
- Kilde is looking for his first World Cup win of this season. He is the male skier on the most podium finishes without winning once this season (three second places, one third place).

### Marco Odermatt

- Marco Odermatt comes into Wengen as the leader in all men's World Cup standings except for the slalom classification (overall, downhill, super-G and giant slalom). Odermatt does not participate in slaloms.
- Reigning downhill world champion Odermatt has yet to claim a World Cup victory in a downhill event (eight second places, three third places). His 29 World Cup victories came in the giant slalom (18) and super-G (11).
- No skier - male or female - has recorded as many podium results in World Cup downhill events without winning once as Odermatt (11). He surpassed Heinrich Messner and Johan Clarey (10 each) following his second place in Bormio.
- Odermatt is looking to become the first male skier to win a giant slalom, a super-G and a downhill World Cup event in a single season since Didier Kuche achieved this feat in 2009/10.
- Odermatt finished on the podium in two out of three World Cup downhill participations in Wengen (2nd, 4th, 2nd).
- Odermatt finished on the podium in 17 out of the last 19 World Cup event participations coming into Wengen (12 victories, two second places and three third places). The exceptions are a 15th place in the Soldeu downhill in March and a seventh place in the second Val Gardena downhill in December.

## Other contenders

- Three different nationalities have won a World Cup downhill event this season (United States, Italy, France). Last season, only two different nationalities triumphed in downhill events: Austria and Norway.
- **Cyprien Sarrazin** claimed his second World Cup victory in the most recent World Cup downhill event in Bormio on 28 December, following a parallel giant slalom win in December 2016.
- Sarrazin can become the first French male alpine skier to win successive World Cup downhill events since Luc Alphand won three in a row in 1995.
- The last French male skier to win multiple downhill World Cup events in a single season was Antoine Dénériaz in 2002/03 (two).
- **Dominik Paris** can become the first man to win a World Cup downhill event in 10 different calendar years and the first man to finish on the podium of a WC downhill event in 14 different calendar years.
- Only Franz Klammer (25), Peter Müller (19) and Stephan Eberharter (18) won as many World Cup downhill events among men as Paris (18).
- **Vincent Kriechmayr** recorded nine of his 17 World Cup wins in downhill events. He is yet to record a downhill podium finish this season (17th, 14th, 5th).
- **James Crawford**, the reigning super-G world champion, has yet to win a World Cup event. He claimed two second places in World Cup downhill events (in Bormio and Aspen last season).
- Crawford (5th, 5th, 8th) is the only man besides Marco Odermatt (3rd, 7th, 2nd) to have finished inside the top eight of all three World Cup downhill events this season.
- **Bryce Bennett** can become the first male skier representing USA to record multiple World Cup downhill wins in a single season since Bode Miller won three in 2007/08.

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