

FACTS & FIGURES – Men's downhill in Beaver Creek

- **Marco Odermatt (SUI)** will start the men's downhill season in Beaver Creek (USA) as the great favourite after winning the globe in the discipline last winter.
- After fighting for his first downhill victory over several races, the Swiss skier finally broke through with back-to-back wins in Wengen (SUI) this January. Besides those two victories, he secured two second-place finishes (Bormio and the second race in Kitzbuehel) and two third-place results (the first race in Val Gardena and the opener in Kitzbuehel), finishing off the podium only twice in eight races last season
- During his career, Odermatt has finished second nine times in World Cup downhills, including in Beaver Creek in 2022 - the last time the men raced down the Birds of Prey course.
- **Cyprien Sarrazin (FRA)** came second to Odermatt in the 2023/24 downhill standing. The Frenchman was 42 points behind his rival when the final race of the season, at the World Cup Finals in Saalbach (AUT) was cancelled due to bad weather.
- Prior to the start of last season Sarrazin's best ever World Cup downhill finish was sixth in Val Gardena in 2022.
- Sarrazin then won three times in 2023/24, twice down the Hahnenkamm in Kitzbuehel and once in Bormio, finished second twice in Wengen (to Odermatt both times) and fourth in the second race in Val Gardena. All this after failing to finish the season-opener in the Italian resort.
- He has raced the famous Birds of Prey downhill in Beaver Creek just once, finishing 39th in 2022.
- **Dominik Paris (ITA)** won on home snow in Val Gardena last season with a third in Wengen and a third Kitzbuehel helping him to third in the overall standings.
- It was the 35-year-old's sixth third place finish in the downhill rankings. He has once gone better,, ending the 2018/19 season in second.
- Paris first raced downhill in Beaver Creek in 2009, and has a best ever Birds of Prey downhill finish of fourth in 2014.
- In the absence of Aleksander Aamodt Kilde (NOR) - winner of the past two downhills in Beaver Creek - **Vincent Kriechmayr (AUT)** shares the best resort record with Odermatt. The Austrian came second (alongside the now retired Frenchman Johan Clarey) in 2019.
- Kriechmayr has nine World Cup downhill titles, the last of which came in March 2023.
- Last season his best result was second in Kvitfjell (NOR) - his only podium place.
- The 2023 super-G world champion **James Crawford (CAN)** was third the last time the men raced downhill in Beaver Creek - a result he has only bettered twice, once in Bormio (2022) and once in Aspen (2023).
- **Bryce Bennett (USA)** will lead the home challenge down a course compatriot Bode Miller won three times on. Bennet won last season's opening race in Val Gardena.