

Audi FIS Alpine Ski World Cup 2025/26 – Men's Slalom Val d'Isere stat sheet

- Val d'Isere has hosted 105 World Cup races across all disciplines to date. Only two venues have hosted more – Wengen (SUI, 132) and Kitzbuehel (AUT, 185).
- **Henrik Kristoffersen's (NOR/Van Deer)** three victories in the Val d'Isere Slalom (2015/16, 2016/17 and 2024/25) is the most by any male athlete. Two athletes have two victories each, **Alexis Pinturault (FRA/Head)** in 2012/13 and 2019/20; and **Marcel Hirscher (NED/Van Deer)** in 2010/11 and 2017/18.
- **Henrik Kristoffersen (NOR/Van Deer)** won last season's Val d'Isere Slalom ahead of **Atle Lie McGrath (NOR/Head)** and **Loic Meillard (SUI/Rossignol)**.
- Team France has three wins in the home Val d'Isere World Cup Slalom races, on par with Austria. Only Norway (four) has more wins here.
- The last French athlete to win this race was **Clement Noel (FRA/Dynastar)** in December 2021.
- France's **Paco Rassat (Head)** won the second race of the season in Gurgl on November 22. It was his first ever world cup podium. Rassat finished ahead of **Armand Marchant (BEL/Head)** in second and **Atle Lie McGrath (NOR/Head)**, who finished third.
- Two French athletes feature on the season-long Slalom podium after two events: **Paco Rassat (FRA/Head)** leads with 140 points, **Lucas Pinheiro Braathen (BRA/Atomic)** is in second with 126 and **Clement Noel (FRA/Dynastar)** is third on 102.
- French athletes stepped on a podium in three consecutive Slalom World Cup races starting from Sun Valley in March 2025, when **Clement Noel (FRA/Dynastar)** finished 2nd. He repeated this result in the 2025/26 season opener in Levi. Finally, **Paco Rassat (FRA/Head)** won in Gurgl.
- A win this weekend would mean France join Italy in the second place on the all-time list of most Slalom World Cup victories at 74 wins each. Austria is leading this list with 133 wins.
- The win in Gurgl was **Paco Rassat's (FRA/Head)** first career win. His previous best result, 6th place, was achieved earlier this season in the Levi season opener.
- **Armand Marchant (BEL/Head)** finished second in Gurgl for his first ever World Cup podium and only his second top-five finish after coming 5th in Zagreb in 2020. Marchant didn't qualify for the 2nd run in the Levi season-opener.
- **Armand Marchant's (BEL/Head)** podium in Gurgl was a first-ever Alpine World Cup podium for Belgium, men or women. Belgium's previous best result of 5th place was

achieved by Marchant in 2020, to go with **Henri Mollin's** 5th place finish in a Combined event in St. Anton in 1981.

- Only three athletes have finished both races of the Slalom season so far inside the top 10: **Paco Rassat (FRA/Head; 6, 1)**, **Lucas Pinheiro Braathen (BRA/Atomic; 1, 10)** and **Timon Haugan (NOR/Van Deer; 5, 4)**. Haugan is the only one to claim a top-5 result in both races.
- **Timon Haugan (NOR/Van Deer)** has claimed top-5 finishes in six consecutive Slalom World Cup races, which is the longest-running streak in the discipline. It started with his win in Schladming in January 2025.
- The reigning men's Slalom Crystal Globe champion **Henrik Kristoffersen (NOR/Van Deer)** started the 2025/26 season with two finishes outside of the top 10. This is his worst Slalom World Cup start since 2021/22, when he was unable to claim a top-10 spot in four consecutive races, but then managed to fight back and win that season's Slalom Crystal Globe.
- **Henrik Kristoffersen (NOR/Van Deer)** needs only four victories to overtake **Aksel-Lund Svindal (NOR)** and become the all-time most successful Norwegian World Cup skier, male or female. Kristofferen currently has 33 World Cup wins to his name and is chasing Svindal (36).
- **Henrik Kristoffersen (NOR/Van Deer)** needs four more podiums in any discipline to draw level with Marc Girardelli (LUX), who lies third on the men's all-time list with 101 career World Cup podiums. Ingemar Stenmark (SWE) leads the way with 163 podiums.
- The reigning Slalom world champion **Loic Meillard (SUI/Rossignol)**, who finished second in the Slalom World Cup standings last season, didn't finish the second run in Gurgl. With just 18 points after two races this is his worst start to a season since 2016/17, his first full season on the circuit.
- **Clément Noël (FRA/Dynastar)** can become the most successful French Slalom athlete this season, men and women. He has claimed 14 World Cup Slalom victories to date, only Perrine Pelen has more - 15. Last season Noël became the most successful male French Slalom racer, overtaking **Jean Noel Augert** who won 13 times.
- **Steven Amiez (FRA/Rossignol)** is looking to add another podium finish to the Amiez family legacy. His father, **Sébastien Amiez (FRA)**, achieved 10 Slalom World Cup podiums during his career. Steven came close twice in the 2024/25 season, finishing fourth in Gurgl and fourth in Madonna di Campiglio.