

PREVIEW MEN'S DOWNHILL SAALBACH-HINTERGLEMM – Sunday 24 Mar 2024

Marco Odermatt or Cyprien Sarrazin?

- **Marco Odermatt** (552) leads **Cyprien Sarrazin** (510) by 42 points ahead of the downhill in Saalbach-Hinterglemm. Both men can win the downhill crystal globe for the first time.
- Sarrazin has to score 42 points more than Odermatt to win the downhill crystal globe, something he has never done before in a World Cup downhill event. The closest he came was 40 points: in the first downhill in Kitzbühel on 19 January 2024 (100 vs 60 points).
- **Marco Odermatt** can add the super-G and downhill World Cup crystal globes to his overall and giant slalom globes this season.
- The last man to win at least four World Cup crystal globes in a single season was Hermann Maier in 1999/2000 and 2001/01 (overall, downhill, giant slalom and super-G in both seasons).
- The only Swiss man to win at least four World Cup classifications in a single season was Pirmin Zurbriggen in 1986/87 (5 - overall, combination, super-G, downhill and giant slalom).
- The last **Swiss** man to win the downhill crystal globe was Beat Feuz (won four in a row between 2017/18 and 2020/21). The only **French** men to have won the downhill World Cup classification were Jean-Claude Killy (1966/67) and Luc Alphand (1994/95, 1995/96, 1996/97).
- Sarrazin can become the first Frenchman to win more than three downhill World Cup events in a single season, after Killy in 1966/67 (five) and Alphand in 1996/97 (four).
- Odermatt and Sarrazin have never won a speed double of super-G and downhill World Cup events at the same venue in a season.

Other contenders

- **Vincent Kriechmayer** won the most recent downhill World Cup in Saalbach, in March 2021. He can become the first man to win the Saalbach World Cup downhill on two occasions.
- Ahead of the speed events in Saalbach, Kriechmayer had won nine super-G and nine downhill World Cup events. The only men to have won at least 10 World Cup events in both super-G and downhill are Pirmin Zurbriggen (10 SG, 10 DH), Hermann Maier (24 SG, 15 DH) and Aksel Lund Svindal (17 SG, 14 DH).
- Kriechmayer won the speed double of super-G and downhill World Cups at the same venue in a season in Åre (World Cup Final in March 2018; shared DH win with Matthias Mayer) and in Courchevel (World Cup Final in March 2022).
- Only Franz Klammer (25) and Peter Müller (19) have won more men's downhill World Cup events than **Dominik Paris** (18). Stephan Eberharter also won 18 downhill events.

- **Niels Hintermann** has won two World Cup downhill events, both in Kvitfjell. He could become the first Swiss man to win the Saalbach downhill. The best downhill result here for a Swiss man was a second place for Beat Feuz in February 2020 and in March 2021.
- **Cameron Alexander** is the most recent Canadian winner of a downhill World Cup, in Kvitfjell in March 2022. Canada's Ed Podivinsky won the first downhill World Cup event in Saalbach, in January 1994, ahead of his compatriot Cary Mullen in second place.
- **Bryce Bennett** (2) could join Bill Johnson (3) and Steven Nyman (3) in third place of USA men to have won most downhill World Cup events. Daron Rahlves (9) and Bode Miller (8) are ahead of them.
- The only man to have won the **speed double** of super-G and downhill in **Saalbach** was Matthias Mayer in February 2015.
- The last man to win a **speed double** of super-G and downhill World Cup events **at the same venue** in a season was Alexander Aamodt Kilde in Wengen in January 2023.

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