

FACTS & FIGURES – Men's Downhill in Kvitfjell

- Switzerland have been utterly dominant in the men's Downhill this season, claiming 12 out of the 18 podium places on offer so far.
- In the first four races of the season, Swiss racers took the top-two spots. In the fifth, they claimed 2nd place and in the sixth and most recent race, they swept the podium.
- Defending champion **Marco Odermatt (SUI/Stöckli)** leads the World Cup Downhill season standings by 73 points, with three races left (back-to-back races in Kvitfjell and the World Cup Finals Downhill in Sun Valley).
- The only two-time winner so far this season (Val Gardena/Groeden and Wengen), Odermatt is chasing a third Downhill victory in a single season for the first time in his career.
- It is almost two years since Odermatt finished outside the top-7 in a World Cup Downhill race - when he came 15th in the 2023 World Cup Finals in Soldeu.
- However, Odermatt does not have a good Downhill record in Kvitfjell - in his five races so far he has finished inside the top-10 just once, when finishing 7th a year ago.
- In a crowded field, **Franjo von Allmen (SUI/Head)** still manages to be the in-form Downhill skier.
- In his past six races, the 23-year-old has won two (last week's World Cup in Crans-Montana and the week before's World Championship gold in Saalbach) finished 2nd three times and come 9th.
- All this after starting the season with just one top-10 Downhill finish to his name (5th in Kvitfjell in February 2024).
- He has raced Downhill just once in Kvitfjell, finishing 5th last year.
- **Alexis Monney (SUI/Stöckli)** was 3rd behind von Allmen and Odermatt in the most recent World Cup Downhill in Crans-Montana, and also sits 3rd behind his two teammates in the season standings.
- Monney has finished on the podium in three of the past four races, a streak that included his maiden World Cup win, in Bormio.
- Prior to his victory in Bormio, Monney had never finished higher than 8th in his previous 23 career World Cup Downhill races.
- He too will have to improve his Kvitfjell record however, if he is to continue his recent success - in three Downhills in the resort so far, Money has finished 26th (2024), 42nd and 26th (both in 2022).
- **Justin Murisier (SUI/Head)** is the fourth Swiss man to have won this season, having triumphed in Beaver Creek Downhill. But since his first ever World Cup win, the 33-year-old has a best finish of 6th (in Bormio).
- Murisier, Monney, von Allmen and Odermatt will be attempting to replicate the Kvitfjell form of absent teammate Nils Hintermann (SUI). He won in Kvitfjell in 2024 and triumphed in the first race in 2022, tying for 1st alongside Cameron Alexander (CAN/Rossignol) - who will also not be racing this year.

- It is **Dominik Paris (ITA/Nordica)** however, who has the best Kvitfjell record. The Italian is the only man to have triumphed three times already in Downhill in Kvitfjell, having won in 2016, 2019 and 2022.
- If Paris claims an unprecedented fourth Kvitfjell Downhill he will join Peter Müller (SUI) in joint second on the all-time Downhill winners list with 19 World Cup wins. Franz Klammer (AUT) has the most with 25.
- Paris last won a World Cup Downhill in December 2023 in Val Gardena/Groeden and his last podium places came in January 2024 when he finished 3rd in Wengen and in Kitzbühel.

- **James Crawford (CAN/Head)** is the only non-Swiss racer to have won a men's Downhill this season, having triumphed in Kitzbühel.
- Crawford's win remains the only World Cup podium of any kind for the Canadian this season.
- He has the opportunity to become the fourth Canadian to win the Kvitfjell Downhill, after Alexander (2022), Erik Guay (2014) and Manuel Osbourne-Paradis (2009).

- **Vincent Kriechmayr (AUT/Head)** came 2nd the last time the men raced Downhill in Kvitfjell, the only time he has made the podium in 10 races in the resort.

- **Miha Hrobat (SLO/Atomic)** has the opportunity to match his compatriot Bostjan Kline (SLO) and become just the second Slovenian winner in the 30 years of World Cup Downhill racing in Kvitfjell. Kline won in 2017, the only time a Slovenian has been on the podium.
- Hrobat started the season without a single top-five World Cup finish to his name, but now has two; coming 3rd in Wengen and 3rd in the opening Downhill in Beaver Creek.