

FACTS & FIGURES – Men's Giant Slalom, Adelboden

- **Marco Odermatt (SUI/Stöckli)** is the firmest of favourites for the men's Giant Slalom in Adelboden. Not only is the three-time reigning World Cup GS champion chasing a third successive GS win of the season, he is also targeting a fourth consecutive title in Adelboden.
- Should Odermatt turn such form into another victory, he will match the great Ingemar Stenmark (SWE) as the only men to win four World Cup GS titles in a row in the famous Swiss resort. Stenmark won five GS World Cup races in Adelboden in total.
- In the 32 GS World Cup races Odermatt has competed in since the start of the 2021/22 season, the Swiss skier has won 23.
- His most recent World Cup GS victory, in Alta Badia in December, was the 25th of his career and took him past Ted Ligety (USA) into third in the all-time list. Only Marcel Hirscher (31 wins) and Stenmark (46 wins) are in front of him.
- One set of numbers may give Odermatt's rivals some hope, he ended last season with a DNF and started this season with two DNFs.
- It has been almost three years since **Henrik Kristoffersen (NOR/ Van Deer)** won the last of his seven World Cup GS titles (back-to-back triumphs in Kranjska Gora in March 2022). But the Norwegian remains a consistent performer and lies second behind Odermatt in the standings, following a second place in the opening race of the season and a further three top-nine finishes.
- The Norwegian is yet to win in Adelboden but he did come second twice, in 2018 and 2019, and has two third place finishes to his name, 2015 and 2020.
- A win would take Kristoffersen into 12th place on his own in the all-time men's GS World Cup winners list, ahead of three legendary figures in the sport: Pirmin Zurbriggen (SUI), Marc Giradelli (LUX) and Jean Claude Killy (FRA).
- No Norwegian has won a GS in Adelboden since Aksel Lund Svindal triumphed in 2011 and if Kristoffersen cannot break that drought, his teammate **Alexander Steen Olsen (NOR/ Rossignol)** will fancy it.
- The 23-year-old Steen Olsen won the first GS of the season in Sölden before missing the Val d'Isère races due to a knee injury. Since his return he finished ninth in Beaver Creek before grabbing third in the last World Cup GS in Alta Badia.
- **Filip Zubcic (CRO/ Atomic)** is yet to finish on a GS podium this season but he has plenty of course form in Adelboden. Not only did the Croatian finish second three races in a row, in 2020 and twice in 2021, but he was also third 12 months ago.
- Zubcic could become the first Croatian to win a men's World Cup GS in the 55 years of racing in Adelboden.
- **Zan Kranjec (SLO/ Rossignol)** is the only Slovenian winner of a men's GS in Adelboden, having triumphed in 2020.
- Third in Beaver Creek, Kranjec has been consistent all season, never finishing outside the top eight.
- **Alexis Pinturault (FRA/ Head)** has yet to hit top form since his return from serious injury in December but there may be no better place to re-find his mojo than down Adelboden's GS course.
- The Frenchman is another to have won three times in the Swiss resort (2017 and 2021x2) and has a further pair of podium places.
- After becoming the first Brazilian to climb onto a World Cup podium, when finishing second in the GS in early December **Lucas Pinheiro Braathen (BRA/ Atomic)** could

become his nation's first ever winner, should he secure a third career GS victory (the previous two came when Pinheiro Braathen was skiing for Norway).

- But he will have to do it without the luxury of course form, Pinheiro Braathen has raced five World Cup GS in Adelboden and has failed to finish three of them, with a best placing of seventh in 2021.
- If **Thomas Tumler (SUI/ Stöckli)** was to win his second career World Cup race in Adelboden on Saturday, the Swiss skier would miss out on being the sport's oldest GS victor by just three days. Tumler will be 35 years, 2 months and 6 days old on Saturday but the legendary Didier Cuche (SUI) triumphed aged 35 years, 2 months, and 9 days in Sölden in 2009/10.
- Tumler's first win came in Beaver Creek in the GS in December.
- **Loic Meillard (SUI/ Rossignol)** won the only World Cup GS race Odermatt did not last season and could be the man to challenge his teammate.
- Meillard finished third in Adelboden two years ago.