

FACTS & FIGURES – Men's Slalom, Kitzbühel

- Norwegian skiers are flying in the men's Slalom this season. For just the second time in history (following Yongpyong in 1998) Norwegian skiers swept a men's World Cup Slalom podium last weekend in Wengen.
- So far this season at least one Norwegian has finished on the podium in six of the seven races, with Madonna Di Campiglio the exception.
- The nation has a strong record in Kitzbühel too, with two wins and two podium finishes in the past eight races.
- Both of those Kitzbühel victories belong to **Henrik Kristoffersen (NOR/Van Deer)** - winner in 2016 and 2018.
- A third Kitzbühel triumph would take the Norwegian into equal second on the all-time Kitzbühel Slalom winners list, alongside Marc Giradelli (LUX) and Jean Noel Augert (FRA). Ingemar Stenmark (SWE) won five times in the famous resort.
- In a highly competitive Slalom season Kristoffersen stands 65 points clear in the Crystal Globe standings thanks to his admirable consistency. In the seven races so far, Kristoffersen has a win, a 2nd, two 3rds (including last weekend in Wengen), a 4th, a 5th and a 6th place finish.
- The Norwegian is chasing a first Slalom Crystal Globe since 2021/22.
- **Atle Lie McGrath (NOR/Head)** who led Norway's 1-2-3 in Wengen, will have to overcome a poor record in Kitzbühel if he is to secure back-to-back Slalom wins for the second time in his career.
- McGrath has failed to finish the first run in each of his past three races in the Austrian resort and has only finished the Kitzbühel Slalom once, in 2020, when he placed 22nd.
- Compatriot **Timon Haugan (NOR/Van Deer)** - second in Wengen - has found things almost as difficult as McGrath in Kitzbühel. The Norwegian has only completed three of his five races, with a best finish of 12th in 2020.
- It is **Daniel Yule (SUI/Fischer)** who boasts the best recent record in Kitzbühel. Winner in 2020 and 2023, Yule also came 3rd last season.
- Like Kristoffersen, a third Kitzbühel triumph would take the Swiss into equal 2nd on the all-time Kitzbühel Slalom winners list.
- The 31-year-old is edging back towards his best form, with three top-10 finishes in his past four races.
- It is Yule's teammate **Loic Meillard (SUI/Rossignol)** who remains Kristoffersen's closest challenger in the Crystal Globe rankings.
- After opening the season with four podium finishes in his first five races, Meillard has recorded a DNF and a 5th in his past two Slaloms - although he was comfortably quickest in the second run in Wengen.
- After failing to finish his first three races in Kitzbühel, Meillard has recorded three successive top-10s since.
- **Clement Noël (FRA/Dynastar)** remains the only person in the Kitzbühel starting line-up to have won more than once this season.
- It has largely been feast or famine for Noël, with the reigning Olympic slalom champion having mixed his three wins (Adelboden, Gurgl and Levi) with a DNF in Madonna Di Campiglio, an 11th in Wengen and a 6th in Alta Badia.
- The Frenchman does have form in Kitzbühel, having won in 2019 and coming 2nd in 2020. Although since that 2nd place, he has a best finish of 8th in 2023.

- With 13 World Cup Slalom wins Noël is currently second equal with Noël Augert in the list of France's all-time most successful World Cup slalom skiers. Perrine Pelen leads the way with 15 wins.
- **Linus Strasser (GER/ Rossignol)** could be one of the happiest men in the field to be back on Austrian snow. Not only did he win in Kitzbühel a year ago, two of his three other World Cup Slalom wins came in Austria (Schladming 2024 and 2022).
- Strasser could match celebrated compatriot Felix Neureuther as the only German men to have won two Slaloms in Kitzbühel.
- He is yet to finish on a podium this season however, with 4th in Adelboden his best result.
- Marcel Hirscher (AUT) was the last Austrian to triumph in Kitzbühel (in 2017), with **Marco Schwarz (AUT/Atomic)** the last to be on the podium (2nd in 2020).
- Seventh in Wengen was Schwarz's best result since returning from injury in December.
- Compatriot **Manuel Feller (AUT/Atomic)** is struggling to follow up his masterful 2023/24 (four wins) having failed to finish four of his seven races and with 4th in Val d'Isère his best result.
- Fourth last year is his best result in Kitzbühel.
- **Lucas Pinheiro Braathen (BRA/Atomic)** has finished 3rd (2022) and 2nd (2023) in his past two Slalom races in Kitzbühel.
- Should he take that sequence to its numerical conclusion, he will become the first Brazilian to win a World Cup. He is already the first Brazilian to climb onto a World Cup Slalom podium, having finished 2nd in Adelboden.
- The 38-year-old **Dave Ryding (GBR/Head)** will be hoping his love affair with Kitzbühel continues.
- In 2022 Ryding became Great Britain's first ever World Cup champion, by winning in the Austrian resort. A year later, a blistering second run saw him move up 15 places into 2nd - the second time he had finished runner-up in Kitzbühel (the first came in 2017).
- Last season he finished fifth in Kitzbühel, his best result of the season.
- Should he win, or finish on the podium again he will extend his records as the oldest Slalom skier to achieve both feats.
- Last season Kristoffer Jakobsen (SWE/Fischer) became the first Swede to step onto a Kitzbühel podium since Mattias Hargin triumphed in 2015.
- Jakobsen's 2nd place is his equal best finish in 98 World Cup races.