

Preview Alpine Skiing 2022/2023 World Cup - Men

Marco Odermatt

- Last season, Marco Odermatt became the fifth Swiss man to win the overall World Cup, after Peter Lüscher, Pirmin Zurbriggen, Paul Accola and Carlo Janka. Of these men, only Zurbriggen won the overall multiple times: 1983/84, 1986/87, 1987/88 and 1989/90.
- Odermatt also picked up the men's giant slalom crystal globe last season, becoming the first Swiss man to do so since Didier Cuche (2008/09). The last Swiss man to claim the giant slalom globe in successive seasons was Michael von Grünigen in 1995/96 and 1996/97.
- Odermatt has claimed 11 World Cup event wins, of which he achieved seven in the 2021/22 season (5 in giant slalom, 2 in super-G).

Aleksander Aamodt Kilde

- Aleksander Aamodt Kilde, runner-up in last season's overall standings, won the downhill and super-G crystal globes in 2021/22. He became the ninth man to win both speed globes in a single season, and the first since Kjetil Jansrud (2014/15).
- Kilde has claimed four crystal globes in his career, after also lifting the super-G in 2015/16 and the overall in 2019/20. The only Norwegian skiers to have collected more are Aksel Lund Svindal (11), Kjetil André Aamodt (9) and Lasse Kjus (6).
- Kilde could join Kjus (1995/96, 1998/99) and Svindal (2006/07, 2008/09) on a record two overall globes amongst Norwegian skiers.
- Kilde claimed seven World Cup event wins last season (4 in super-G, 3 in downhill), equalling the Norwegian record by Jansrud (7 in 2014/15) and Svindal (7 in 2015/16).

Alexis Pinturault

- Alexis Pinturault (2020/21) is one of three Frenchmen to have won the overall crystal globe, alongside Jean-Claude Killy (1966/67, 1967/68) and Luc Alphand (1996/97).
- Last season, Pinturault failed to win a single World Cup event for the first time since 2010/11. The French skier had claimed at least one World Cup win in 10 successive seasons from 2011/12 to 2020/21.
- Pinturault can become the sixth male skier to win a World Cup event in at least 11 different seasons, after Ingemar Stenmark (13), Marc Girardelli (12), Aksel Lund Svindal (12), Benjamin Raich (12) and Alberto Tomba (11). Dominik Paris can also achieve this feat.
- Pinturault has won 34 World Cup events, ranking him in ninth place on the all-time men's list. Svindal and Raich (both 36) share seventh place.

Miscellaneous

- The last four men's overall crystal globes have been won by four different skiers representing four different countries: Austria's Marcel Hirscher (2018/19), Norway's Aleksander Aamodt Kilde (2019/20), France's Alexis Pinturault (2020/21) and Switzerland's Marco Odermatt (2021/22). From 2007/08 to 2011/12, the men's overall had five successive winners from five separate countries: Bode Miller (USA), Aksel Lund Svindal (Norway), Carlo Janka (Switzerland), Ivica Kostelic (Croatia) and Hirscher (Austria).
- Last season, **Beat Feuz** (47) broke the men's record for most World Cup event podiums in the downhill, previously held by Franz Klammer and Peter Müller (both 41). He can become the fourth male skier to reach 50 World Cup podiums in a single discipline, after Ingemar Stenmark (81 in slalom, 72 in giant slalom), Hirscher (65 in slalom, 59 in giant slalom) and Alberto Tomba (57 in slalom).
- Feuz, four-time winner of the men's downhill World Cup, is hoping to equal Klammer's record of five men's downhill crystal globes.
- The 10 men's **slalom** events in last season's World Cup were won by eight different skiers. This was just one short of the record number of men's slalom winners in a single World Cup season: nine in 1985/86 and 1999/2000.
- **Henrik Kristoffersen** secured the men's slalom crystal globe at the World Cup Finals in Courchevel/Méribel, his third in this discipline. Only Stenmark (8), Hirscher (6) and Tomba (4) have won the men's slalom World Cup more often.
- The most recent man, other than Hirscher, to successfully defend the slalom globe was Thomas Sykora, winning in 1996/97 and 1997/98.
- **Dominik Paris** could join Peter Fill (2015/16, 2016/17) as only Italian winners of the men's downhill crystal globe. Paris, winner of the 2018/19 super-G crystal globe, can become the first Italian skier, male or female, to win both speed globes.
- Paris can become the second male skier to win a World Cup event in 11 successive seasons, after Tomba from 1987/88 to 1997/98.
- **Matthias Mayer** (4th) and **Vincent Kriechmayr** (5th) finished in the top five of last season's overall standings, but did not pick up any of the small crystal globes. It marked the third time in the last 26 men's World Cup seasons Austria did not win any of the main globes (overall/slalom/giant slalom/downhill/super-G), after 2010/11 and 2019/20.
- Since Hirscher's retirement at the end of the 2018/19 seasons, the only Austrian male skiers to have picked up a crystal globe are Kriechmayr (super-G, 2020/21) and Marco Schwarz (slalom, 2020/21).

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