

PREVIEW MEN'S SLALOM ADELBODEN – Sunday 8 Jan 2023

Henrik Kristoffersen

- Kristoffersen won the last World Cup slalom event in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. He joined Aksel Lund Svindal (12), Kjetil André Aamodt (10) and Lasse Kjus (10) as the Norwegian men to have won a World Cup event in any discipline in at least 10 different years.
- With a win in this event in Adelboden, Kristofferson (22 wins) can equal the number of World Cup slalom wins from every other Norwegian slalom skier (23).
- All three of Kristoffersen's last World Cup slalom victories have come in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. He last won in Switzerland in Wengen in January 2017.
- After a run of podium finishes in World Cup slalom events in Adelboden from 2016-2020 (1-1-3-3-2) Kristoffersen has finished outside the top 10 in the last two years; DNF in 2021, 12th in 2022.
- A podium finish in Adelboden would make it Kristoffersen's most successful World Cup slalom venue in terms of top three finishes. Going into the race he has won six podium places in both Adelboden and Madonna di Campiglio.

Daniel Yule

- Daniel Yule will be racing on home snow in Adelboden. He is the one of two Swiss slalom skiers to have stood on a World Cup podium this season with his win in Madonna di Campiglio (**Loïc Meillard**, 3rd in Val d'Isère). Yule won in Adelboden in 2020.
- Daniel Yule won the men's slalom World Cup in Madonna di Campiglio on 22 December. It was his fifth slalom World Cup win, most of all Swiss men.
- Yule (2020) and Marc Berthod (2007) are the only Swiss slalom skiers to win a World Cup event in Adelboden.
- The last slalom skier to win a World Cup event in their home country was Clément Noël in Val d'Isère in December 2021.

Other contenders

- **Lucas Braathen** won the opening World Cup slalom event of the season in Val d'Isère but was disqualified for missing a gate in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Braathen's only other World Cup win was in Switzerland (Wengen) in January 2022.
- Braathen also won the giant slalom in Alta Badia on 18 December. This is the first season in which he has won multiple individual World Cup events.
- Braathen (age 22) can become the youngest winner of a World Cup slalom event in Adelboden since Henrik Kristoffersen won aged 22 in 2017.
- Austria's **Manuel Feller** is the only slalom skier other than Kristoffersen (2) to stand on two World Cup slalom podiums this season (2nd in Val d'Isère and Garmisch-Partenkirchen).

- Feller finished second in this event in Adelboden last season, behind countryman **Johannes Strolz**. Austria have won 10 of the 20 World Cup slalom events in Adelboden, at least eight more than any other country.
- **Clément Noël** won Olympic gold in the men's slalom event at the Beijing 2022 Winter Games.
- Noël (9) is joint-second alongside Patrick Russel (9) in France's all-time list for most slalom victories in the men's World Cup, behind only Jean Noël Augert (13).
- **Italy** (2 wins) are the fourth country alongside (Austria 10, Norway 2, Switzerland 2) to have multiple World Cup slalom wins in Adelboden but have not won since Stefano Gross in 2015. **Giuliano Razzoli** (3rd in Wengen) was the only Italian slalom skier with a World Cup podium finish in January 2022.

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