

## PREVIEW MEN'S GIANT SLALOM ALTA BADIA – Sunday 18 Dec 2022

### Marco Odermatt

- Marco Odermatt can become the first man to win four successive giant slalom World Cup events since Marcel Hirscher in 2017/18 (5 from December to March).
- Odermatt can become the fifth man to win the opening three giant slalom World Cup events, after Piero Gros (1974/75), Ingemar Stenmark (1977/78, 1978/79 1979/80), Michael von Grünigen (1995/96) and Ted Ligety (2010/11). Stenmark is the only one who won the opening four World Cups: in 1978/79, he won all 10 giant slalom World Cup events.
- **Odermatt (10) can become the third man to reach the podium in 11 successive giant slalom World Cup events, after Ingemar Stenmark (22, 1977-1980) and Marcel Hirscher (18, 2016-2018).**

### Henrik Kristoffersen

- From the start of the 2021/22 season all giant slalom World Cup events have been won by Odermatt (7) or Henrik Kristoffersen (3).
- Kristoffersen won two giant slalom World Cups in Alta Badia. He can become the fifth man to win three or more giant slalom World Cups here, after Marcel Hirscher (6), Alberto Tomba (4), Kalle Palander (3) and Massimiliano Blardone (3).
- Kristoffersen has only claimed more wins and podium finishes in giant slalom World Cups in Kranjska Gora (3 wins, 6 podiums) than in Alta Badia (2 wins, 4 podiums).

### Other contenders

- **Alexis Pinturault** has won 18 giant slalom World Cups, twice as many as the next active male skier (Odermatt, 9).
- Pinturault's last win in a giant slalom World Cup was in Lenzerheide on 20 March 2021. This is also the last giant slalom event which was not won by Odermatt or Kristoffersen.
- Pinturault (39 podiums) can become the third man to claim a podium in a giant slalom World Cup in at least 13 seasons, after Stenmark (16 seasons) and Benjamin Raich (15).
- **Žan Kranjec** (2) hopes to equal Jure Kosir (3) on most World Cup victories among men representing Slovenia. Kranjec came second and third in the giant slalom in Sölden and Val d'Isère this season respectively.
- **Lucas Braathen** won the slalom World Cup in Val d'Isère on 11 December. The only active male skiers to have won a slalom and giant slalom World Cup in a single season are Henrik Kristoffersen (2014/15, 2019/20, 2021/22) and Alexis Pinturault (2012/13, 2019/20).
- **Manuel Feller** hopes to succeed Marcel Hirscher as latest Austrian winner of a men's giant slalom World Cup. Hirscher's last win came in Adelboden in January 2019.



- Austria and Italy have each won a record nine men's giant slalom World Cups in Alta Badia.
- **Italy's** last giant slalom win in Alta Badia was by Massimiliano Blardone in December 2011.

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