

PREVIEW MEN'S DOWNHILL ASPEN – Friday 3 Mar 2023

Aleksander Aamodt Kilde

- Aleksander Aamodt Kilde won five of the eight men's World Cup downhill events in the 2022/23 season. In Aspen, he can secure the downhill crystal globe for the second time in his career, after he also won it last season.
- The only Norwegian skier to win multiple downhill crystal globes is Aksel Lund Svindal (2), who won it in 2012/13 and 2013/14.
- Kilde (5) is the first man to have won at least five World Cup downhill events in a single season since Stephan Eberharter in 2002/03 (6).
- The only skiers to win more than six World Cup downhill events in a single season were Annemarie Moser-Pröll (8 in 1972/73) and Franz Klammer (8 in 1974/75).
- Kilde can become the first Norwegian skier - male or female - to win at least six World Cup downhill events in a single season. Lasse Kjus also claimed five WC downhill wins in a single season (1998/99).

Other contenders

- For the first time in six years, alpine skiing World Cup events will take place in Aspen. The last men's World Cup events at this resort were in March 2017. Dominik Paris won the men's downhill back then, ahead of Peter Fill and Carlo Janka.
- **Vincent Kriechmayr** is the only man besides Aleksander Aamodt Kilde to win a World Cup downhill event this season. Kriechmayr won in Val Gardena (15 December), Bormio (28 December) and Kitzbühel (20 January).
- The last Austrian skier to win at least four World Cup downhill events in a single season was Renate Götschl in 2006/07 (4). The last Austrian man to achieve this was Stephan Eberharter in 2003/04 (4).
- **Marco Odermatt** won the world title in the men's downhill in Courchevel on 12 February, ahead of Kilde and Cameron Alexander.
- Odermatt has yet to win a World Cup downhill event. Only Heinrich Messner (7) claimed as many second places in male's World Cup downhill events without ever winning as Odermatt (7).
- **Johan Clarey**, 42 years old, can break the record for oldest skier - male or female - to win a World Cup event, set by Didier Cuche (37y-192d) in the Crans-Montana super-G on 24 February 2012.
- Clarey has claimed 10 podium finishes in World Cup downhill events, but has yet to win one (6 second places, 4 third places). This season, he finished second in Val Gardena and Kitzbühel.
- No skier recorded more podium finishes in World Cup downhill events without ever winning than Clarey (10). Heinrich Messner also claimed 10 podium finishes in this event without winning.



- **Mattia Casse** can become the 10th Italian man to win a World Cup downhill event and the first since Dominik Paris in Kvitfjell on 5 March 2022.

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