

PREVIEW MEN'S DOWNHILL KITZBÜHEL – Friday 20 Jan 2023

Beat Feuz

- Beat Feuz (35) announced his retirement from competitive skiing earlier this month. Feuz will hang up the skis after this weekend's races in Kitzbühel.
- Feuz claimed the downhill crystal globe four straight times (2017/18 - 2020/21). Feuz is one of only three male skiers to have won the downhill crystal globe at least four times, alongside Franz Klammer (5) and Didier Cuche (4).
- Feuz is one of six male skiers to have won the crystal globe (4 times), world title (2017) and Olympic gold (2022) in the downhill. The other five are Jean-Claude Killy, Bernhard Russi, Franz Klammer, Pirmin Zurbriggen and Aksel Lund Svindal.
- Feuz has claimed 16 World Cup victories (59 podiums), including 13 in the downhill. He claimed his most World Cup wins in Kitzbühel and Wengen (both 3, all in the downhill).
- Feuz is one of six skiers to have claimed three World Cup downhill wins on the Streif. Only Cuche (5) and Klammer (4) won the World Cup downhill event on the Streif more often.
- Feuz won three of the last four World Cup downhill events on the Streif, including the last one. In this run, he only did not claim the victory on 21 January 2022 (8th place).
- Feuz and Cuche (both 7) are tied for most World Cup downhill podiums on the Streif.

Aleksander Aamodt Kilde

- Aleksander Aamodt Kilde won four of the six men's World Cup downhill events in the 2022/23 season. Vincent Kriechmayr emerged victorious in Val Gardena (15 December) and Bormio (28 December), where Kilde came third and fifth respectively.
- Kilde (4) is the first male skier to have won at least four World Cup downhill events in a single season since Dominik Paris in 2018/19 (4). The last male skier to win at least five World Cup downhill events in a single season was Stephan Eberharter in 2001/02 (6).
- Kilde is the fourth Norwegian skier - male or female - to win at least four World Cup downhill races in a single season, after Lasse Kjus (5, 1998/99), Kjetil Jansrud (4, 2014/15) and Aksel Lund Svindal (4, 2015/16).
- Kilde (6) can equal the Norwegian record for most World Cup wins by a skier in a single season: seven wins by Jansrud (2014/15), Svindal (2015/16) and Kilde himself (2021/22). Kilde also won two World Cup super-G event this season.
- Kilde (winner on 21 January 2022) is one of four Norwegian skiers to have won the World Cup downhill event on the Streif. The other three are Lasse Kjus (2, 1999 and 2004), Atle Skårdal (1990) and Jansrud (2015).
- Only skiers representing Austria (24), Switzerland (19) and Italy (5) have claimed as many World Cup downhill wins on the Streif as Norway (5).

Other contenders

- In the 2022/23 men's World Cup, 18 of the 20 victories were divided among skier representing Norway (11) or Switzerland (7). The exceptions were the two downhill victories by **Vincent Kriechmayr** (in Val Gardena and Bormio).
- Skier representing Austria have won the World Cup downhill event on the Streif a record 24 times, but only twice in the last 15 years (since 2008): triumphs by Hannes Reichelt (2014) and Matthias Mayer (2020).
- Kriechmayr recorded only podium result in his 10 World Cup downhill participations on the Streif, a second place behind Matthias Mayer (+0:22) in 2020.
- **Johan Clarey** finished inside the top five in each of the last five World Cup downhill events on the Streif (2020-2022): 4-4-2-2-5.
- Clarey could become the third Frenchman to win a World Cup downhill event on the Streif, after Luc Alphand (3, two wins in 1995 and one in 1997) and Jean-Claude Killy (1967).
- Only Heinrich Messner (10) has recorded as many World Cup podium finishes in the men's downhill without ever winning as Clarey (9).
- Clarey, 42 years old, could 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.
- Cuche (37 years in 2012) is also the oldest winner of the World Cup downhill event on the Streif.
- **Mattia Casse** recorded his best two World Cup results in two of the last three men's World Cup downhill events: third places in Val Gardena (17 December) and Wengen (14 January).
- Italian skiers have won the World Cup downhill event on the Streif on five occasions, wins by **Dominik Paris** (2013, 2017, 2019), Kristian Ghedina (1998) and Peter Fill (2016).
- **Marco 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).

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