

PREVIEW MEN'S SLALOM KITZBÜHEL – Sunday 22 Jan 2023

Norway

- Since the 2022 Beijing Winter Games, eight of the last nine men's World Cup slalom events were won by Norwegians. The exception was the win by Daniel Yule in Madonna di Campiglio on 22 December.
- Besides Yule's victory, the other four men's World Cup slalom events in the 2022/23 season were either won by **Henrik Kristoffersen** (Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Wengen) or **Lucas Braathen** (Val d'Isère and Adelboden).
- Norway only claimed as many men's World Cup slalom victories in 2015/16 (6), 2021/22 (6) and 2016/17 (5) as this season (4).
- **Kristoffersen (49, including 23 wins) is one shy of his 50th podium result in a men's World Cup slalom event. He is in fourth place all-time, behind only Ingemar Stenmark (81), Marcel Hirscher (65) and Alberto Tomba (57).**
- Kristoffersen claimed two of those 49 wins in Kitzbühel (2016, 2018). Among men, only Stenmark (5), Jean-Noël Augert (3) and Marc Girardelli (3) won more than two World Cup slalom events in Kitzbühel.
- Kristoffersen is the only male Norwegian skier to have won a World Cup slalom event in Kitzbühel. Braathen came runner-up behind Dave Ryding at this venue on the last occasion (22 January 2022).

Other contenders

- **Clément Noël** failed to win a World Cup downhill event since he claimed the Olympic gold medal in this discipline in Yanqing on 16 February 2022. Noël won the World Cup slalom event in Kitzbühel on 26 January 2019.
- 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).
- The last **Austrian** man to win a World Cup slalom event was Johannes Strolz in Adelboden on 9 January 2022.
- Austria's last men's World Cup slalom victory on home snow dates back to 26 January 2021, when Marco Schwarz emerged victorious in Schladming.
- Austria claimed the most men's World Cup slalom victories in Kitzbühel (14, France follows on 11 wins). Marcel Hirscher (2017) claimed the last of those 14 wins for Austria.
- **Dave Ryding** took the win in the most recent men's World Cup slalom event in Kitzbühel (22 January 2022). He made history as the first ever British skier - male or female - to win a World Cup event in alpine skiing.
- Ryding's only podium result in a World Cup slalom since then was a second place in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 27 February 2022.
- **Loïc Meillard** came second in the Wengen slalom on 15 January. This equalled his best result in a World Cup slalom event. He was runner-up in Saalbach-Hinterglemm (20 December 2018) and Garmisch-Partenkirchen (26 February 2022).
- Meillard's only World Cup triumph came in the parallel giant slalom in Chamonix on 9 February 2020.
- The only **Swiss** men to have won a World Cup slalom event in Kitzbühel are Dumeng Giovanoli (1968) and **Daniel Yule** (2020).

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