

PREVIEW MEN'S GIANT SLALOM KRANJSKA GORA – Saturday 11 Mar 2023

Marco Odermatt

- Marco Odermatt (already winner of the super-G World Cup standings) could secure the overall crystal globe for this World Cup season, as well as the giant slalom crystal globe in the two giant slalom World Cup events in Kranjska Gora.
- Odermatt would be the third man to win the overall, super-G and giant slalom crystal globes in the same season, after Pirmin Zurbriggen (1986/87) and Hermann Maier (1997/98, 1999/2000, 2000/01).
- Odermatt can win the **overall World Cup** in back-to-back seasons. This century, this has been achieved by three men: Maier (1999/2000, 2000/01), Stephan Eberharter (2001/02, 2002/03) and Marcel Hirscher (from 2011/12 to 2018/19).
- The only Swiss man to have won the **overall World Cup** multiple times was Pirmin Zurbriggen: 1983/84, 1986/87, 1987/88 and 1989/90.
- Odermatt also picked up the **giant slalom crystal globe** last season, becoming the first Swiss man to do so since Didier Cuche (2008/09). The last Swiss man to claim the giant slalom globe in successive seasons was Michael von Grünigen in 1995/96 and 1996/97.
- **Giant slalom:** Odermatt is the reigning Olympic champion, world champion and crystal globe winner in the men's giant slalom.
- Odermatt won the men's giant slalom World Cup in Kranjska Gora on 13 March 2021. He finished on the podium in each of the last four giant slalom World Cups here: 3-1-2-3.
- Among Swiss men, only von Michael von Günigen (23) won more men's giant slalom World Cup events than Odermatt (11).

Henrik Kristoffersen

- Henrik Kristoffersen is trailing Marco Odermatt by 100 points in the giant slalom World Cup standings.
- Kristoffersen has won three of the last four giant slalom World Cups in Kranjska Gora, including both events in March 2022. Those are also his most recent victories in giant slalom World Cups.
- Ted Ligety (6), Marcel Hirscher (4) and Benjamin Raich (4) are the men to have won at least four giant slalom World Cups in Kranjska Gora.
- Kristoffersen has claimed 11 podium finishes in World Cup events in Kranjska Gora. He only has as many top-three finishes in Adelboden (11).

Other contenders

- **Marco Schwarz** won the most recent giant slalom World Cup in Palisades Tahoe. It was his first win in a giant slalom World Cup event.
- Schwarz finished on the podium in each of the last three giant slaloms in the World Cup and world championships: 3-3-1.
- The last Austrian winner of a men's giant slalom in Kranjska Gora was Marcel Hirscher (2010, 2016, 2017, 2018).
- **Žan Kranjec** (2) hopes to equal Jure Kosir (3) on most World Cup victories among men representing Slovenia.
- The last Slovenian man to claim a podium finish in a World Cup event in Kranjska Gora was Uros Pavlovic (3rd) in the giant slalom here in December 2001. Jure Kosir was the last Slovenian man to win a World Cup here, a slalom in January 1999.
- **Loïc Meillard** can become the seventh Swiss man to win a giant slalom World Cup in Kranjska Gora. Switzerland has only had as many as seven different winners of a men's giant slalom World Cups in Adelboden (7).
- **Alexis Pinturault** has won 18 World Cup giant slalom events, ranking him fifth all-time among men. His most recent victory in this event was in Lenzerheide on 20 March 2021.

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