

PREVIEW MEN'S SLALOM PALISADES TAHOE – Sunday 26 Feb 2023

Henrik Kristoffersen

- Henrik Kristoffersen claimed the slalom world title in Courchevel on 19 February. The Norwegian was only 16th after the first run (+0:91 seconds slower than the fastest time).
- Kristoffersen (49, including 23 wins) is one shy of his 50th podium result in a World Cup slalom event. Three other men recorded as many podium finishes in World Cup slalom events as Kristoffersen: Ingemar Stenmark (81), Marcel Hirscher (65) and Alberto Tomba (57).
- The last man to win a World Cup slalom in the United States was André Myhrer at the World Cup Finals in Aspen in March 2017. Kristoffersen finished last among all skiers who finished the course in that event, after a fifth place in the first run. He made an error in the first metres of the second run.

AJ Ginnis

- With his silver medal in the Courchevel slalom last week, AJ Ginnis made history as the first Greek athlete to win an Olympic or world championships medal in a winter sport.
- Greek-born Ginnis represented USA until the 2020/21 season. He has now finished second in successive starts in men's slalom events: the World Cup in Chamonix and the world championships.
- Ginnis can become the first Greek winner of a World Cup event in any of the Olympic winter sports.
- The most recent countries to win their first World Cup event in alpine skiing both achieved this in the men's slalom event: Kalle Palander for Finland (Kitzbühel, January 2003) and Dave Ryding for Great Britain (Kitzbühel, January 2022).

Other contenders

- **Lucas Braathen** finished on the podium in five of the eight men's World Cup slalom events this season, most of all men.
- The last Norwegian man to win a slalom World Cup on US snow was Finn Christian Jagge in Vail in March 1997.
- **Manuel Feller** was leading after the first run in the men's slalom at the world championships, but he finished joint-seventh overall (with Braathen).
- Austria failed to win a world title in any event at the world championships in Courchevel/Méribel 2023. It was the first time Austria did not win any gold medal at the world championships since 1987.
- Felleris looking for his third World Cup slalom event win. His last win was in Lenzerheide on 21 March 2021.

- **Daniel Yule** (2 slalom wins in 2022/23) can equal his best season 2019/20 when he became the only Swiss man so far to win three men's slalom World Cup events in a single campaign.
- **Clément Noël** won gold in the men's slalom at the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games. The last French men to win a major alpine skiing event on US snow all did so in the men's slalom: Pierrick Bourgeat in the World Cup in Park City in November 1998, Jean-Pierre Vidal at the Winter Games in Salt Lake City in 2002 and Jean-Baptiste Grange at the world championships in Vail in February 2015.
- **Ramon Zenhäusern** could win two men's slalom World Cup events in a single season for the first time.
- **Alex Vinatzer** took bronze in the men's slalom at the world championships last week. His last podium finish in a World Cup slalom was in Madonna di Campiglio in December 2020 (3rd).
- The last Italian to win a men's World Cup slalom was Manfred Mölgg in Zagreb on 5 January 2017.

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