

PREVIEW MEN'S SLALOM PALISADES TAHOE – Sunday 25 Feb 2024

Manuel Feller

- Austria's Manuel Feller leads the men's World Cup slalom standings on 490 points. Feller has a lead of 164 points on Linus Straßer (326) in second place.
- Feller finished inside the top five in all seven men's World Cup slalom events this season (1-5-1-1-4-5-4), including victories in Gurgl, Adelboden and Wengen.
- Feller can become the first man to win four World Cup slalom events in a single season since his compatriot Marcel Hirscher won five in 2018/19.

Alexander Steen Olsen

- Norway's most recent World Cup victory in a men's slalom event was achieved by Alexander Steen Olsen at Palisades Tahoe on 26 February 2023. This is his only World Cup win to date (**note:** excluding giant slalom result on Saturday).
- Steen Olsen won the World Cup slalom event in Palisades Tahoe last year ahead of his compatriot Timon Haugan (+0.05 seconds). Clément Noël and Albert Popov (+0.24 seconds) were tied for third.
- There is only one male skier to have won multiple World Cup slaloms at a specific resort in United States: Austria's Thomas Stangassinger in Park City, Utah (1993, 1997).
- Norwegians won five of the 10 men's World Cup slalom events last season, but they are winless in the seven slalom events in the current campaign.

Other contenders

- On 11 February, heavy rain forced the cancellation of the men's World Cup slalom in Bansko after 31 starters in the opening run, with **Clément Noël** leading the race.
- Noël has claimed 10 World Cup victories in the slalom but not since 24 January 2023, when he triumphed in the Schladming night race.
- **Daniel Yule** made history in the Chamonix slalom on 4 February. He became the first skier to move up from 30th to first place in the second run of a men's slalom in World Cup history.
- Yule can become the first Swiss male skier to win back-to-back World Cup slaloms since he did so himself in January 2020: in Madonna di Campiglio (8 January 2020) and Adelboden (12 January 2020).
- **Linus Straßer** can become the third male skier representing Germany (including East and West) to win more than two men's World Cup slalom events in a single season, after Armin Bittner (4 in 1989/90) and Felix Neureuther (3 in 2013/14).
- Germany (including East and West) has claimed 30 World Cup slalom wins on the men's side, one fewer than on the women's side (31).



- **Timon Haugan** has yet to win his first World Cup event. The Norwegian finished runner-up in three World Cup events (all slaloms), including in Palisades Tahoe last year.

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