

PREVIEW MEN'S GIANT SLALOM SCHLADMING – Wednesday 25 Jan 2023

Marco Odermatt

- Marco Odermatt has won four of the five men's World Cup giant slalom events this season. Last season, he won five of the eight giant slalom events in the World Cup.
- This century, the only man to win at least five of the opening six World Cup giant slalom events of a season was Marcel Hirscher (5 in 2014/15 and 5 in 2017/18).
- Odermatt has reached the podium in each of the last 12 men's World Cup giant slalom events. Only Ingemar Stenmark (22, 1977-1980) and Marcel Hirscher (18, 2016-2018) also had a run of at least 12 successive podium finishes in men's World Cup giant slalom events.
- Odermatt has yet to start in a World Cup event in Schladming.
- Last Friday, Odermatt almost crashed in the downhill on the Streif in Kitzbühel. He had to skip the second downhill on Saturday due to pain in his knee.

Henrik Kristoffersen

- Henrik Kristoffersen has finished on the podium in four of the five men's giant slalom World Cup events this season, but he has yet to win one (3 second places, 1 third place).
- Kristoffersen only claimed more podium finishes in World Cup giant slalom events in 2017/18 (5, all second places).
- Coming into Schladming, Kristoffersen was one of three men to have won a record four World Cup events in Schladming (all events), alongside Marcel Hirscher (4) and Benjamin Raich (4).

Other contenders

- **Lucas Braathen** is the only man besides Marco Odermatt to win a World Cup giant slalom event this season. Braathen won in Alta Badia on 18 December.
- **Žan Kranjec** (2) hopes to equal Jure Kosir (3) on most World Cup victories among men representing Slovenia.
- **Loïc Meillard** has finished six times on the podium in a World Cup giant slalom event, but he has yet to win one (3 second places, 3 third places).
- **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.
- Pinturault has not finished on the podium in a World Cup giant slalom event this season. He can become the third man to claim a podium finish in a World Cup giant slalom event in at least 13 different seasons, after Ingemar Stenmark (16 seasons) and Benjamin Raich (15).



- The most recent man representing **Austria** to win a World Cup giant slalom event was Marcel Hirscher. Hirscher's last win came in Adelboden in January 2019. Hirscher was also the last Austrian man to win a World Cup giant slalom event on home snow, when he emerged victorious in Sölden on 26 October 2014.

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