

PREVIEW MEN'S DOWNHILL SOLDEU – Wednesday 15 Mar 2023

Aleksander Aamodt Kilde

- Aleksander Aamodt Kilde has won six of the nine men's World Cup downhill events this season. He has already secured the downhill crystal globe.
- Kilde (6) is the first man to have won at least six World Cup downhill events in a single season since Stephan Eberharter won six downhills in both 2001/02 (6) and 2002/03 (6).
- The only skiers to win more than six World Cup downhill events in a single season were Annemarie Moser-Pröll (8 in 1972/73) and Franz Klammer (8 in 1974/75).
- Kilde can become the first man to win three successive downhill World Cup events since Dominik Paris in January-March 2019 (Kitzbühel - Kvifjell - Soldeu).

Other contenders

- For the second time the men's World Cup will visit Soldeu (Andorra). In March 2019, all four men's disciplines (downhill, super-G, giant slalom, slalom) were held in the World Cup Finals here. Dominik Paris won the men's downhill back then.
- **Vincent Kriechmayr** is the only man besides Aleksander Aamodt Kilde to win a World Cup downhill event this season. Kriechmayr won in Val Gardena (15 December), Bormio (28 December) and Kitzbühel (20 January).
- The last Austrian skier to win at least four World Cup downhill events in a single season was Renate Götschl in 2006/07 (4). The last Austrian man to achieve this was Stephan Eberharter in 2003/04 (4).
- **Marco Odermatt** won the world title in the men's downhill in Courchevel on 12 February, ahead of Kilde and Cameron Alexander.
- Odermatt has yet to win a World Cup downhill event. Only Heinrich Messner (7) claimed as many second places in men's World Cup downhill events without ever winning as Odermatt (7).
- Odermatt has won 11 World Cup events this season (6 giant slalom, 5 super-G). The last man to win World Cup events in at least three of the traditional disciplines (downhill, super-G, giant slalom, slalom) in a single season was Marcel Hirscher in 2015/16 (super-G, giant slalom, slalom).
- **Johan Clarey**, 42 years old, can break the record for oldest skier - male or female - to win a World Cup event, set by Didier Cuche (37y-192d) in the Crans-Montana super-G on 24 February 2012.
- Clarey has claimed 10 podium finishes in World Cup downhill events, but has yet to win one (6 second places, 4 third places). This season, he finished second in Val Gardena and Kitzbühel.

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- No skier recorded more podium finishes in World Cup downhill events without ever winning than Clarey (10). Heinrich Messner also claimed 10 podium finishes in this event without winning.
 - **James Crawford** has claimed three podium finishes in World Cup downhill events (all this season), but has yet to win (2 second places, 1 third place). In the past eight seasons, the only Canadian man to win a World Cup downhill event is **Cameron Alexander** in Kvitfjell on 4 March 2022.
 - **Mattia Casse** can become the 10th Italian man to win a World Cup downhill event and the first since Dominik Paris in Kvitfjell on 5 March 2022.

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