

PREVIEW MEN'S GIANT SLALOM SOLDEU – Saturday 18 Mar 2023

Marco Odermatt

- Marco Odermatt has 1,942 points in this season's overall World Cup standings. The only man to collect more World Cup points in a single season was Hermann Maier in 1999/2000 (2,000 points). **Note:** the current scoring system was introduced in the 1991/92 season.
- Odermatt has won 12 World Cup events this season. Only three men won more World Cup events in a single season: Ingemar Stenmark in 1978/79 (13), Hermann Maier in 2000/01 (13) and Marcel Hirscher in 2017/18 (13).
- Marco Odermatt has won 13 giant slalom events in the World Cup, all since 7 December 2020. No other alpine skier has won more than four men's slalom events in the World Cup in that period (Alexis Pinturault 4).
- Among Swiss men, only von Michael von Grünigen (23) won more men's giant slalom World Cup events than Odermatt (12).
- Odermatt has won six men's giant slalom World Cup events **this season**. Only Ingemar Stenmark (10 in 1978/79) has won more in a single season.
- Odermatt, giant slalom crystal globe winner in 2021/22 and 2022/23, is the first Swiss man to win the giant slalom crystal globe in back-to-back seasons since Michael von Grünigen in 1995/96 and 1996/97.
- Odermatt's worst results in his last 16 giant slalom starts in the World Cup were third-place finishes in Kransjka Gora (13 March 2022) and Alta Badia (18 December 2022).

Other contenders

- **Henrik Kristoffersen** has already secured second place in the men's giant slalom World Cup standings this season. Kristoffersen has finished on the podium of a giant slalom event six times this season, but never on the highest step (4 second places and 2 third places).
- Only Hubert Strolz (7 in 1985/86) has ever recorded more men's giant slalom podium finishes in a World Cup season without a win than Kristoffersen (6) this season.
- **Lucas Braathen**, **Loïc Meillard** and **Marco Schwarz** are the alpine skiers apart from Odermatt to have won a men's giant slalom event this World Cup season. None of them has claimed multiple giant slalom World Cup wins in a single season.
- **Alexis Pinturault** (3), Marcel Hirscher (2) and Marco Odermatt (1) have won the final men's giant slalom events of a World Cup season in the previous six seasons.
- 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 won the only previous men's giant slalom event in Soldeu, on 16 March 2019, ahead of Odermatt and Žan Kranjec.



- **Žan Kranjec** (2) hopes to equal Jure Kosir (3) on most World Cup victories among men representing Slovenia.

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