

## PREVIEW MEN'S SLALOM VAL D'ISÈRE – Sunday 11 Dec 2022

### Atle Lie McGrath

- Atle Lie McGrath won the last two slalom events in the men's World Cup, in Flachau (9 March 2022) and Méribel (20 March 2022).
- Norwegian skiers have won each of the last four slaloms in the men's World Cup, as Henrik Kristoffersen triumphed twice in Garmisch-Partenkirchen (26-27 February 2022) before the two victories by McGrath.
- Norway (4) have equalled their longest winning streak in the slalom in the men's World Cup, after four successive wins by Kristoffersen in January 2016.
- Austria were the last country to win five successive slalom events in the men's World Cup, from December 2017 to January 2018 (all five wins were achieved by Marcel Hirscher).
- McGrath can become the first male skier to win three successive slalom events in the World Cup since Hirscher had a streak of four from January to December 2018.
- McGrath (22y-234d on 11 December) can become the second-youngest male skier this century to win three successive slalom events in the World Cup, after Kristoffersen. His compatriot Kristoffersen was 21 years when he won four in a row in January 2016.

### Henrik Kristoffersen

- Henrik Kristoffersen (21) is fourth in the all-time list for most slalom victories in the men's World Cup, behind Ingemar Stenmark (40), Alberto Tomba (35) and Marcel Hirscher (32).
- Kristoffersen won the slalom crystal globe on three occasions: in 2015/16, 2019/20 and 2021/22. He won last season's slalom crystal globe by amassing 451 points, 90 more than runner-up Manuel Feller (361).
- Only Stenmark (8), Hirscher (6) and Tomba (4) won the men's slalom crystal globe more than three times. Jean Noël Augert, Marc Girardelli and Benjamin Raich are also three-time winners of this discipline in the men's World Cup.
- Kristoffersen won the first slalom event in the men's World Cup in three seasons: in 2014/15 (in Levi), 2015/16 (in Val d'Isère) and 2019/20 (in Levi). Only Stenmark (7), Tomba (3) and Hirscher (3) won the opening slalom event of the men's World Cup season as many times as Kristoffersen.
- Besides in 2015/16, Kristoffersen also won the Val d'Isère slalom in the 2016/17 World Cup. The Norwegian only claimed more World Cup slalom victories in Schladming (4) and Madonna di Campiglio (3).

## Other contenders

- The first six slalom events in the 2021/22 men's World Cup had six different winners: Clément Noël (Val d'Isère), Sebastian Foss Solevåg (Madonna di Campiglio), Johannes Strolz (Adelboden), Lucas Braathen (Wengen), Dave Ryding (Kitzbühel) and Linus Straßer (Schladming).
- Noël's triumph in Val d'Isère on 12 December 2021 was his only World Cup victory last season. He also became Olympic champion in this discipline at the Beijing 2022 Winter Games.
- Noël (9) is joint-second alongside Patrick Russel (9) in France's all-time list for most slalom victories in the men's World Cup, behind only Jean Noël Augert (13).
- Noël and Russel (both 17) are also tied in second place for most World Cup slalom podiums among French male skiers, behind only Augert (21).
- Noël (3, two wins in Chamonix and one in Val d'Isère) can equal the record for most World Cup slalom wins in France: four by Austria's Marlies Schild. Kristoffersen (3) could also equal Schild.
- **Manuel Feller** finished runner-up in the final World Cup standings in this discipline last season without winning any of the 10 slalom events. He came second once and finished in third place on three occasions.
- **Alexis Pinturault**, Marcel Hirscher and Henrik Kristoffersen (two each) are the male skiers to have won multiple World Cup slalom events in Val d'Isère.
- Pinturault won the Val d'Isère slalom in the 2012/13 and 2019/20 World Cup. He recorded a DNF or DNQ in his other six World Cup slalom participations at this venue.

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