

PREVIEW MEN'S DOWNHILL WENGEN – Saturday 14 Jan 2023

Aleksander Aamodt Kilde

- Aleksander Aamodt Kilde has won three of the five downhill events this World Cup season, already equalling his total of last season.
- The last time a man won as many as four downhill events in a single season was in 2018/19, when Dominik Paris won four.
- Kilde (9) is one short of equalling Lasse Kjus (10) for second-most World Cup downhill wins among Norwegian men, behind only Aksel Lund Svindal (14).
- In each of the last 26 World Cup downhill events Kilde has finished, he has recorded a top-10 result.
- Kilde won the downhill event in Wengen on 14 January 2022.

Marco Odermatt

- Marco Odermatt (G0-S6-B1) has recorded seven career podium finishes in downhill World Cup events, but has yet to win one. Three male alpine skiers have achieved more podium finishes without recording a win in the event: Heinrich Messner (10), Johan Clarey (9) and Mario Scheiber (8).
- In this season, Odermatt has won World Cup events in the giant slalom (4) and super-G (2) and can become the first man to win a giant slalom, super-G and downhill World Cup in a single season since Didier Cuche in 2009/10.

Beat Feuz

- Wengen will be Beat Feuz' penultimate stop in his World Cup career as he will retire after Kitzbühel next week. Feuz has won four downhill crystal globes (2017/18-2020/21), a downhill world title (2017) and downhill Olympic gold (2022).
- Feuz is one of six men to have won a downhill crystal globe, world title and Olympic gold, along with Jean-Claude Killy, Bernhard Russi, Franz Klammer, Pirmin Zurbriggen and Aksel Lund Svindal.
- Feuz recorded the most podium finishes in men's downhill events in the World Cup (47, G13-S18-B16), but sits in ninth place in terms of wins (13).
- Feuz has not won a World Cup downhill event since triumphing in Kitzbühel on 23 January 2022.

Other contenders

- **Vincent Kriechmayer** won two of the last three downhill World Cup events, in Val Gardena and Bormio. Kriechmayer won the downhill event in Wengen on 15 January 2022.
- Only Heinrich Messner (10) has recorded more podium finishes without winning in men's downhill in the World Cup than **Johan Clarey** (9).

- Clarey, 42 years old, could break the record for oldest man to win a World Cup event, set by Didier Cuche (37y-192d) in the Crans-Montana super-G on 24 February 2012.
- **James Crawford** finished second in the men's downhill World Cup in Bormio on 28 December 2022, his best result in a downhill event.
- Crawford can become the first Canadian man to win a World Cup downhill event since Cameron Alexander in Kvitfjell on 4 March 2022. Alexander's win in March last year was Canada's only downhill win in almost nine years.

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