

## PREVIEW MEN'S ALPINE COMBINED WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – Tuesday 7 Feb 2023

### Marco Schwarz

- Marco Schwarz won the Alpine combined at the world championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo in 2021. He claimed bronze in this event at the world championships in Åre in 2019.
- The last man to win back-to-back world titles in the Alpine combined was Aksel Lund Svindal in 2009-2011.
- Schwarz finished fourth (2018) and fifth (2022) in the men's Alpine combined at the Olympic Winter Games.
- Austria (10) has won the most world titles in men's combination events, two more than France (8).

### Alexis Pinturault

- Alexis Pinturault won the Alpine combined at the world championships in Åre in 2019. At the world championships in 2021, he collected a silver medal in this event.
- Pinturault can become the third man on a complete medal set in combination events at the world championships, after Kjetil André Aamodt (G3-S1-B1) and Rudolf Rominger (G1-S1-B1).
- Since the start of the 2020/21 season, Alpine combined is no longer part of the World Cup calendar. Pinturault topped six of the last eight Alpine combined World Cup classifications.
- Pinturault can become the third man representing France to win the world title in the combination on home snow, after Émile Allais in Chamonix in 1937 and Jean-Claude Killy in Grenoble in 1968.
- This century, the only man to win the combination world title on home snow was Switzerland's Luca Aerni in St. Mortiz in 2017.

### Other contenders

- **Johannes Strolz** won the Olympic gold medal in the Alpine combined at the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games. He has yet to participate in a world championships.
- Strolz's father Hubert Strolz also won Olympic gold in the combination, at the Calgary 1988 Olympic Winter Games. Hubert Strolz did not claim any medal at the world championships.
- **James Crawford** could become the second Canadian man to win a world championships medal in the Alpine combined, after Jim Hunter (bronze medal in 1972). Crawford took bronze in this event at the Olympic Winter Games in 2022 and finished fourth in the Alpine combined at the world championships in 2021.
- Only Austria (31) has collected as many world championship medals in men's combination events as **Switzerland** (27).

- **Norway** has won seven world titles in a men's combination event, most for the country in a single discipline (6 in men's giant slalom). The last Norwegian to win this world title was Aksel Lund Svindal in 2011.
- **Italy's** last world championship medals in this event came in 2011, when Christof Innerhofer (silver) and Peter Fill (bronze) both reached the podium.
- The last **German** skier to reach the podium in a men's combination event at the world championships was Sepp Ferstl (silver) in 1978. Ferstl represented West Germany at those championships.

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