

PREVIEW MEN'S GIANT SLALOM SÖLDEN – Sunday 29 Oct 2023

Marco Odermatt

- Last season, Marco Odermatt equalled the men's record for most wins in a single World Cup season. Ingemar Stenmark (1978/79), Hermann Maier (2000/01), Marcel Hirscher (2017/18) and Odermatt (2022/23) all won 13 World Cup events in one season.
- Since the beginning of 2021/22, Marco Odermatt has won 12 of the 18 men's World Cup giant slalom events, including each of the last three.
- Odermatt triumphed in seven of the 10 men's World Cup giant slalom events last season. Only Ingemar Stenmark (10 in 1978/1979) managed to win as many men's World Cup giant slalom events in a single season.
- Odermatt can become the first man to win four successive World Cup giant slalom events since Marcel Hirscher in 2017/18 (5 from December to March).
- Odermatt (14) can equal Alberto Tomba (15) in joint-sixth place in the list of most men's giant slalom victories in the World Cup. Hermann Maier and Benjamin Raich claimed 14 wins as well.
- Odermatt's worst results in his last 17 giant slalom starts in the World Cup were third-place finishes in Kransjka Gora (13 March 2022) and Alta Badia (18 December 2022).
- The last men's World Cup giant slalom event in which Odermatt participated but did not finish on the podium was an 11th place in Lenzerheide in the final GS event of the 2020/21 season. **Note:** Odermatt did not start in the giant slalom event in Schladming on 25 January 2023.
- Odermatt won the season opener in Sölden in each of the last two seasons. Only Ted Ligety (2011-2013) won three consecutive editions of the men's World Cup giant slalom event in Sölden.

Other contenders

- **Henrik Kristoffersen** finished on the podium of a World Cup giant slalom event seven times last season, but never on the highest step (5 second places and 2 third places). His worst result last season were fifth places in Val d'Isere (10 December 2022) and Schladming (25 January 2023).
- Kristoffersen is the only man to have won at least one World Cup event in each of the last 10 seasons.
- **Kristoffersen can become the second male skier to claim at least one World Cup victory in as many as 11 consecutive seasons, after Alberto Tomba (1987/88 to 1997/98).**
- **Lucas Braathen** (1), **Loïc Meillard** (1) and **Marco Schwarz** (1) were the only men besides Marco Odermatt to win a World Cup giant slalom event last season.
- Schwarz can become the first Austrian man since Marcel Hirscher (2014, Sölden) to win a World Cup giant slalom event on Austrian snow.
- **Žan Kranjec** (2) hopes to equal Jure Kosir (3) on most World Cup victories among men representing Slovenia. Both WC wins by Kranjec came in giant slaloms: in Saalbach-Hinterglemm (19 December 2018) and Adelboden (11 January 2020).
- **Alexis Pinturault** has won 34 World Cup events, but not since a giant slalom event in Lenzerheide on his 30th birthday on 20 March 2021. The Frenchman took the victory in the Sölden giant slalom in 2016 and 2019.
- Ted Ligety (4) and Hermann Maier (3) are the male skiers to have won the Sölden giant slalom more than twice in the World Cup.
- Since his last World Cup victory, Pinturault has recorded seven podium finishes in the World Cup (3 second places, 4 third places).

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