

PREVIEW MEN'S SLALOM KRANJSKA GORA – Sunday 14 Mar 2021

Marco Schwarz

- Marco Schwarz is leading the slalom standings on 589 points, ahead of Ramon Zenhäusern (443) and Sebastian Foss Solevåg (405).
- Regardless of the results of his competitors, Schwarz will secure the slalom crystal globe if he finishes in the top-three in Kranjska Gora. Coming into this season, Schwarz's best finish in a World Cup standings was a second place in the 2018/19 Alpine combined.
- Austrian skiers have won the men's slalom crystal globe a record 15 times (Sweden next on 11 wins). Seven different Austrian skiers have won this globe, also already a record (France next on 6 different winners).
- Schwarz finished on the podium in seven of the nine slalom events this World Cup season, including wins in Adelboden and Schladming. No other man has claimed more than three slalom podiums this season.
- This century, only two men claimed at least eight slalom podiums in a single World Cup season: Marcel Hirscher (2012/13, 2015/16, 2017/18, 2018/19) and Henrik Kristoffersen (2015/16, 2017/18).

Ramon Zenhäusern

- Ramon Zenhäusern is currently ranked second in the slalom standings, 146 points behind Marco Schwarz. The Swiss needs to claim at least a fourth place in this race to keep a chance at the slalom crystal globe.
- The only Swiss man who won the slalom crystal globe was Dumeng Giovanoli in 1967/68.
- Zenhäusern has won two slalom events in the World Cup: in Kranjska Gora on 10 March 2019 and in Alta Badia on 21 December 2020. Only Daniel Yule (4) has won more World Cup slalom events among Swiss men.
- Zenhäusern can become the first man to win successive World Cup slalom events in Kranjska Gora since Giorgio Rocca in 2005 (February and December).

Sebastian Foss Solevåg

- Sebastian Foss Solevåg could still mathematically win the slalom crystal globe, but he is trailing Marco Schwarz by 184 points with only two more races to go.
- This season, Solevåg achieved his first career slalom wins at world level. He won the World Cup race in Flachau on 17 January and a gold medal at the world championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo.
- The last reigning men's slalom world champion to win the first World Cup slalom event after the world championships was Mario Matt in 2007.
- Solevåg can become the fourth Norwegian man to claim multiple World Cup slalom wins in a single season, after Ole Christian Furuseth (1990/91), Finn Christian Jagge (1998/99) and Henrik Kristoffersen (2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2019/20 and 2020/21).

Other contenders

- **Henrik Kristoffersen** has won 19 World Cup slalom events, ranking him fourth all-time among men behind Ingemar Stenmark (40), Alberto Tomba (35) and Marcel Hirscher (32).
- Kristoffersen won the most recent slalom held in the World Cup, the second race in Chamonix on 31 January. He could win back-to-back World Cup slalom events for the first time since January 2017.
- Kristoffersen has claimed five World Cup slalom podiums in Kranjska Gora, including winning the event on 15 March 2015. Only Hirscher (6) and Thomas Stangassinger (6) finished on more World Cup slalom podiums in Kranjska Gora.
- Kristoffersen only achieved more World Cup slalom podium finished in Adelboden (6) than in Kranjska Gora (5).
- Among Frenchmen, only Jean Noël Augert (13), Patrick Russel (9) and Jean-Baptiste Grange (8) have won as many slalom events in the men's World Cup than **Clément Noël** (7).
- **Linus Straßer** can become the first German man to win multiple World Cup slalom events in a single season since Felix Neureuther (2) in 2014/15.
- **Adrian Pertl** collected the silver medal in the slalom at the world championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo last month. It was only his second slalom podium at world level, after a third place in the Chamonix World Cup in 2020.
- **Alex Vinatzer** is hoping to become the first Italian man to win a World Cup slalom event since Manfred Mölgg in Zagreb on 5 January 2017.
- **Dave Ryding** could become the first skier from Great Britain, male or female, to claim a World Cup win in any discipline.
- This season, seven different skiers have claimed a World Cup win in the slalom. Only in 1985/86 (9) and 1999/2000 (9) at least eight different male skiers won a World Cup slalom.

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