

PREVIEW Men DOWNHILL – Wednesday 13 Mar 2019

Beat Feuz, Dominik Paris fighting for the Crystal globe

- The men's downhill crystal globe will either be won by Beat Feuz (500 points) or Dominik Paris (420).
- Feuz secures the downhill crystal globe with a) a top-12 finish, b) a 13th, 14th or 15th place AND Paris does not win the race, or c) a 16th place or lower AND Paris does not finish in the top two.
- Paris wins the globe in the downhill if he a) wins the race AND Feuz finishes outside the top-12, or b) finishes second AND Feuz finishes outside the top-15.
- Feuz could win Switzerland's 19th crystal globe in the men's downhill. Only Austria has won a specific men's World Cup standings at least 19 times: 23 in the men's downhill.
- Feuz won the men's downhill standings last season, his first and only career crystal globe to date.
- Paris has yet to win his first crystal globe. He could become the second Italian to win the crystal globe in the men's downhill after Peter Fill (2016, 2017).
- Coming into Soldeu, Paris is also in contention for the super-G crystal globe. Eight men have won the downhill and super-G standings in the same year, of which Kjetil Jansrud was the last to do so in 2015.

Beat Feuz, Dominik Paris aiming for more World Cup wins

- Beat Feuz has finished on the podium in 11 of the last 12 downhill races in the World Cup, including in each of the last six.
- Feuz can become the fourth man to reach seven successive World Cup downhill podiums, after Stephan Eberharter (8 in a row) from January to March 2004, Helmut Höflehner (7) from January to March 1990 and Franz Klammer (10) from January 1976 to January 1977.
- Dominik Paris can become the first man to win three successive World Cup downhill races since Aksel Lund Svindal from November to December 2015.
- Paris (11) is one World Cup downhill victory shy of equalling Kristian Ghedina (12) for most among Italian men. Ghedina (12) shares eighth place all-time among men with Didier Cuche (12).
- Paris has won three downhill races this season. Svindal (4 in 2015/16) was the last man to win four World Cup downhill events in a season.
- Paris can become the first Italian man to win four downhill races in a single World Cup season.

Other contenders

- Vincent Kriechmayr, Christof Innerhofer, Aleksander Aamodt Kilde, Bryce Bennett, Mauro Caviezel and Johan Clarey will battle for **third place** in the men's downhill classification. It would be a first podium in the World Cup downhill standings for all of them.
- The last time a Norwegian skier failed to reach the top three in the men's World Cup downhill standings was in 2011/12. Aksel Lund Svindal (4) and Kjetil Jansrud (2) claimed the podiums for Norway in the previous six seasons.
- **Kriechmayr** (won in Wengen) can become the first Austrian skier to win multiple men's downhill races in one World Cup season since Hannes Reichelt (3) in 2014/15.
- Last season, Kriechmayr shared the downhill victory at the World Cup Finals in Åre with **Matthias Mayer**.
- Two of Mayer's three downhill victories in the World Cup have come at the World Cup Finals, in Lenzerheide in 2014 and in Åre in 2018. Only Svindal (4) and Lasse Kjus (3) have also won multiple men's downhill races at the World Cup Finals (since 1993).
- **Innerhofer** has claimed two podium places in the downhill this World Cup season, second in Lake Louise and Bormio. His last World Cup downhill victory came in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, on 23 February 2013.
- **Bennett** has yet to finish on the podium in any World Cup race. He can become the first alpine skier from the United States to finish in the top three of the World Cup downhill standings since Bode Miller finished second in 2007/08.
- The last US skier to finish on the podium of a men's downhill race in the World Cup was Travis Ganong who won in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 27 January 2017.
- **Reichelt** will be 38 years and 251 days old on 13 March. The oldest man to claim a downhill podium finish in the World Cup is Marco Büchel who finished third in Wengen in 2010 at 38 years and 73 days of age.
- Reichelt and **Clarey** (38-064 on 13 March) could break the record for oldest man to win a World Cup downhill race, set by Didier Cuche who won in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in 2012 at 37-165.
- Clarey has yet to win his first World Cup race (any discipline).
- **Jansrud** has won eight World Cup downhill races, but not since winning in Kvitfjell on 25 February 2017.

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