

PREVIEW Men GIANT SLALOM – Saturday 16 Mar 2019

Henrik Kristoffersen

- Henrik Kristoffersen has won the last three men's giant slalom races held at world level, at the World Championships in Åre on 15 February and in the World Cups in Bansko (24 February) and Kranjska Gora (9 March).
- Kristoffersen has won three career World Cup giant slalom events: in Méribel on 21 March 2015 and this year in Bansko (24 February) and Kranjska Gora (9 March).
- Kristoffersen can become the first man other than Marcel Hirscher to win three successive World Cup races in the giant slalom since Alexis Pinturault won four in a row from February to March 2016.
- Kristoffersen could become the second Norwegian to win three World Cup giant slalom races in a season after Kjetil André Aamodt (3) in 1992/93.
- In all events, Kristoffersen has claimed 18 World Cup race wins, equal to Lasse Kjus (18) in fourth place all-time among Norwegian alpine skiers.

Marcel Hirscher

- Marcel Hirscher equalled Lindsey Vonn on a record 20 World Cup classification wins by winning the slalom, giant slalom and overall crystal globe this season.
- Hirscher won the giant slalom crystal globe for the sixth time, surpassing Ted Ligety (5) and Vreni Schneider (5) for second most all-time (men and women). Ingemar Stenmark holds the record of eight in this event.
- Hirscher has failed to win in his last five World Cup participations in all events, since a slalom win in Schladming on 29 January.
- The last time Hirscher failed to win in six successive World Cup appearances was from December 2016 to January 2017 (9 in a row).
- Hirscher could win five World Cup giant slalom events in one season for the third time, after 2017/18 (6) and 2014/15 (5).
- Hirscher has won 10 World Cup races in all events this season, second-most for him in a single season after 13 wins in 2017/18.
- Hirscher has won three giant slalom races at the World Cup Finals, in Schladming (2012), Aspen (2017) and Åre (2018). He could become the first man to win four in this event at the World Cup Finals (since 1993).

Other contenders

- **Alexis Pinturault** has won 22 World Cup races, equal to Carole Merle (22) for most among French alpine skiers.
- Pinturault (28) could surpass Hermann Maier (28) in terms of giant slalom podiums in the World Cup in seventh place among men.
- **Thomas Fanara** has collected 14 World Cup podiums, all in the giant slalom. His only World Cup win came in the St. Moritz giant slalom on 19 March 2016.

- Fanara is the oldest man to have finished on the podium of a World Cup giant slalom race. He finished third in Bansko at the age of 37 years and 306 days.
- The oldest man to win a giant slalom race in the World Cup is Didier Cuche, who won in Sölden in 2009 at the age of 35 years and 70 days.
- **Žan Kranjec** won the giant slalom race in Saalbach-Hinterglemm on 19 December. It was his first World Cup victory in any discipline.
- The only men representing Slovenia to win multiple World Cup races are Jure Kosir (3, all slalom) and Andrej Jerman (2, both downhill).
- **Loïc Meillard** (second in Saalbach-Hinterglemm), **Thomas Tumler** (second in Beaver Creek) and **Marco Odermatt** (third in Kranjska Gora) have finished on a giant slalom podium this World Cup season.
- The last Swiss man to win a World Cup giant slalom race was Carlo Janka in Kranjska Gora on 5 March 2011.
- Last Saturday, **Rasmus Windingstad** (second) collected his first career World Cup podium in the giant slalom in Kranjska Gora.

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