

PREVIEW BEAVER CREEK MEN'S GIANT SLALOM – Sunday 8 Dec 2019

Alexis Pinturault

- Alex Pinturault won the opening giant slalom in Sölden this season and can now become the first skier to win the first two giant slalom races of a World Cup campaign since Ted Ligety in 2013/14.
- Pinturault also won the final giant slalom race of last season, in Soldeu on 16 March. The 28-year-old can now claim three consecutive giant slalom wins for the first time since a run of four in February/March 2016.
- Pinturault has won 12 career World Cup giant slalom races and needs two more wins to join Hermann Maier (14) and Benjamin Raich (14) in sixth place all time among men.
- Pinturault (30) needs one more top-three finish to match Alberto Tomba's tally of 31 podium spots in World Cup giant slalom races. Pinturault can become the seventh male skier to claim at least 31 podiums in this World Cup discipline.
- Pinturault finished in the top five in seven of the last eight World Cup giant slalom races, with the only exception in that run a seventh-place finish in Saalbach-Hinterglemm on 19 December 2018.
- Pinturault claimed only one podium spot in his nine World Cup giant slalom races in United States, a second-place finish in Beaver Creek on 7 December 2014.

Henrik Kristoffersen

- Henrik Kristoffersen finished in 18th place in the opening giant slalom race of this World Cup season (Sölden), his worst result in this discipline since a "DNF" in Val d'Isère on 12 December 2015.
- Kristoffersen, 11th in the final giant slalom race of last season, can finish outside the top 10 in three consecutive World Cup giant slalom appearances for the first time since December 2013-February 2014.
- Kristoffersen (3) can become the fourth skier from Norway to win at least four World Cup giant slalom races after Erik Håker (4), Aksel Lund Svindal (4) and Kjetil André Aamodt (6).
- Kristoffersen has claimed 17 career podium spots in World Cup giant slalom races, joint-most among skiers from Norway along with Aamodt.
- Only Marcel Hirscher (12) claimed more top-three finishes in World Cup giant slalom races since the start of 2017/18 than Kristoffersen (9).

Other contenders

- **Žan Kranjec** and Alex Pinturault are the only skiers to have reached the podium in both of the last two World Cup giant slalom races.
- Kranjec won the giant slalom in Saalbach-Hinterglemm on 19 December 2018, to become the first skier from Slovenia to win a World Cup race in this discipline.
- **Marco Odermatt** is hoping to become the first skier from Switzerland to win a World Cup giant slalom race since Carlo Janka in Kranjska Gora on 5 March 2011.
- **Mathieu Faivre**, second in the opening giant slalom in Sölden, can claim his second World Cup win in this event. His sole giant slalom victory came in Val d'Isère on 4 December 2016.
- The last skier from United States to win a World Cup giant slalom race on home snow was **Ted Ligety** in Beaver Creek in 2014.
- Only Ingemar Stenmark (7) has won more World Cup giant slalom races in United States than Ligety (5).

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