

## PREVIEW MEN'S DOWNHILL GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN – Saturday 1 Feb 2020

### Beat Feuz

- Beat Feuz is leading this season's downhill standings. His most recent World Cup downhill win was in Wengen on 18 January.
- Feuz recorded a top-three finish in 17 of the last 19 downhill races in the World Cup. In that discipline, he only failed to reach the podium in last season's opening race in Lake Louise (6th) and the final race in Soldeu (6th).
- 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.
- Last year's downhill in Garmisch-Partenkirchen was cancelled due to the weather conditions. Feuz won the World Cup downhill race in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in 2018. The last man to win this race back-to-back was Michael Walchhofer when he won both downhills contested here in 2005.
- Roland Collombin is the only Swiss skier to win consecutive World Cup downhill events in Garmisch-Partenkirchen as he won both events in 1973 and the only one in 1974.
- Feuz could claim his fourth World Cup downhill podium finish in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, equalling Didier Cuche, Franz Klammer, Hermann Maier and Erik Guay for most among men.

### Aleksander Aamodt Kilde

- Aleksander Aamodt Kilde collected his first World Cup victory in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, in the downhill on 30 January 2016.
- Kilde is the only Norwegian man to have won the downhill in the World Cup in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.
- Kilde finished in the top 10 in each of his last five World Cup appearances in the downhill. His last World Cup downhill podium was a third place in Wengen last year.

### Other contenders

- **Vincent Kriechmayr** finished second in the Hahnenkammrennen last week. Kriechmayr won two World Cup downhill races, in Åre on 14 March 2018 and in Wengen on 19 January 2019.
- **Thomas Dreßen** has won a record three World Cup downhill events among German men. He won this season's opener in Lake Louise.
- The last German skiers to finish on the men's downhill podium in Garmisch-Partenkirchen were Markus Wasmeier (won) and Hansjörg Tauscher (third) on 11 January 1992.
- **Kjetil Jansrud** won eight downhill races in the World Cup, but not since winning in Kvitfjell on 25 February 2017.

- **Johan Clarey** (39 years and 24 days old on 1 February) could break the record for oldest man to win a World Cup event. The record now belongs to Didier Cuche who won the Crans-Montana super-G on 24 February 2012 at age 37-192.
- Clarey collected five World Cup podiums in the downhill, but failed to win one. The last Frenchman to win a World Cup downhill event was Adrien Théaux in Santa Caterina on 29 December 2015.

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