

## PREVIEW MEN'S GIANT SLALOM GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN – Sunday 2 Feb 2020

### Žan Kranjec

- Žan Kranjec won the giant slalom in Adelboden on 11 January, his second World Cup win in this discipline after winning in Saalbach-Hinterglemm on 19 December 2018.
- Kranjec (2) could equal the record for most World Cup wins among male skiers representing Slovenia: three by Jure Kosir.
- Kranjec finished in the top four in each of the last five World Cup giant slalom events. He finished in the top five in eight of the last nine giant slaloms in the World Cup.

### Henrik Kristoffersen

- Only Kjetil André Aamodt (6) has won more World Cup giant slalom races among Norwegians than Henrik Kristoffersen (4). Aksel Lund Svindal and Erik Håker also won four.
- Three of Kristoffersen's four giant slalom wins in the World Cup came in the past year: Bansko (24 February 2019), Kranjska Gora (9 March 2019) and Alta Badia (22 December 2019). The Norwegian also won the 2019 giant slalom world title on 15 February.
- Kristoffersen has claimed 12 top-three finishes in World Cup giant slalom races since the start of 2017/18, joint-most in this period alongside Marcel Hirscher (12).
- Kristoffersen can become the first Norwegian man to claim a World Cup giant slalom podium in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. He finished fourth in the 2018 giant slalom in the German ski resort.
- Kristoffersen has won 21 World Cup races in all disciplines, joined third-most all time among Norwegian alpine skiers. Only Svindal (36) and Kjetil Jansrud (22) have won more (Aamodt also 21).

### Alexis Pinturault

- Alexis Pinturault won the opening giant slalom race of the World Cup season, in Sölden on 27 October.
- Pinturault has won 12 World Cup giant slalom races and needs two more wins to join Hermann Maier (14) and Benjamin Raich (14) in sixth place on the all-time men's list.
- 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 World Cup podiums in this discipline.
- Pinturault won the Garmisch-Partenkirchen giant slalom on 24 February 2013, his first World Cup win in this discipline. Only Marcel Hirscher (3) has won this event multiple times.

## Other contenders

- **Tommy Ford** can become the fifth skier from United States to win multiple men's World Cup giant slalom events, after Ted Ligety (24), Bode Miller (9), Phil Mahre (7) and Steven Mahre (2).
- Ligety is the only US man to have collected a World Cup podium in the Garmisch-Partenkirchen giant slalom: third places in 2010, 2013 and 2018.
- **Ligety** has won 24 giant slalom events in the World Cup, third-most among men behind Ingemar Stenmark (46) and Marcel Hirscher (31). His last win came in Sölden on 25 October 2015, while his last podium in this discipline was a third place in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 28 January 2018.
- Ligety (35 years, 155 days on 2 February) can become the oldest man to win a World Cup giant slalom race, breaking the record set by Didier Cucher (35 years, 70 days) in Sölden on 25 October 2009.
- **Filip Zubcic** finished second in the Adelboden giant slalom, his first career World Cup podium. The only man representing Croatia to have won a World Cup event is Ivica Kostelic. Kostelic won 26 World Cup events, but none in the giant slalom.
- The only Croatian woman to have won a World Cup giant slalom event is Janica Kostelic who won in Špindleruv Mlýn (2005) and in Åre (2006).
- Stefan Luitz (third in 2017) and Felix Neureuther (second in 2015) are the only **German men** to have reached the giant slalom podium in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.
- **Austria** have won at least one men's World Cup giant slalom race in each of the previous 26 seasons, since failing to win a single race in this discipline in 1992/93.
- The last Austrian man other than Marcel Hirscher to win a giant slalom in the World Cup was Philipp Schörghofer in Hinterstoder on 6 February 2011.

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