

PREVIEW MEN'S DOWNHILL SAALBACH-HINTERGLEMM – Thursday 13 Feb 2020

Thomas Dreßen

- Thomas Dreßen won the downhill in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 1 February, his second World Cup downhill win of the season and his fourth in total.
- A German skier has yet to win successive men's downhill races in the World Cup.
- Dreßen's four World Cup downhill victories are already a record among German men.
- Dreßen is the last German man to win a World Cup downhill event in Austria, as he won in Kitzbühel on 20 January 2018.

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 20 downhill races in the World Cup. In that period, he only failed to reach the podium in Lake Louise (6th) on 24 November 2018, in Soldeu (6th) on 13 March 2019 and in Garmisch-Partenkirchen (6th) on 1 February 2020.
- Feuz could fail to reach the podium in successive World Cup downhill appearances for the first time since December 2017, when he finished eighth in Val Gardena and fourth in Bormio.
- Feuz has collected five World Cup podiums in downhill races in Austria (all second places), but has yet to win one.
- The last Swiss man to win a World Cup downhill event in Austria was Didier Cuche in Kitzbühel on 21 January 2012.

Aleksander Aamodt Kilde

- Aleksander Aamodt Kilde finished second in the Garmisch-Partenkirchen downhill on 1 February, his first World Cup podium in this event since a third place in Wengen on 19 January 2019.
- Kilde won two downhills in the World Cup, in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 30 January 2016 and in Val Gardena on 15 December 2018.
- Kilde finished in the top 10 in each of his last six World Cup appearances in the downhill.
- Kilde is currently ranked second in the overall World Cup standings, but has yet to win a World Cup race this season. No alpine skier, male or female, has ever won the overall World Cup without winning a single race.
- Kilde has finished in the top eight in 15 World Cup events in all disciplines this season, most among all male skiers. He collected four podiums, all second places.

Other contenders

- The last time a men's World Cup downhill race was held in Saalbach-Hinterglemm, **Austrian skiers** swept the podium. On 21 February 2015, Matthias Mayer won the race ahead of Max Franz (2nd) and Hannes Reichelt (3rd).
- **Mayer** also won the most recent World Cup downhill contested in Austria, in Kitzbühel on 25 January 2020. Mayer claimed four of his eight World Cup victories in all disciplines in Austria.
- Mayer can become the first Austrian to win multiple men's downhill races in one World Cup season since Reichelt (3) in 2014/15.
- **Vincent Kriechmayr** finished on a downhill podium twice this World Cup season, both second places (Beaver Creek, Kitzbühel). Kriechmayr won two World Cup downhill races in his career, in Åre on 14 March 2018 and in Wengen on 19 January 2019.
- **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 36 days old on 13 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 six 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.
- **Travis Ganong** finished fifth in the downhill in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 1 February, the best result by a US male skier in this discipline this season.
- Ganong is the last US skier to finish on a men's World Cup downhill podium, as he won the race in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 27 January 2017.

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