

## PREVIEW MEN'S GIANT SLALOM HINTERSTODER – Sunday 1 Mar 2020

### Alexis Pinturault

- Alexis Pinturault is the only man who won multiple giant slaloms this World Cup season. He won in Sölden on 27 October and in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 2 February.
- Pinturault could win at least three World Cup giant slalom events in one season for the third time in his career, after 2015/16 (4) and 2016/17 (3).
- Pinturault has won 13 giant slalom events in the World Cup, one shy of joining Hermann Maier (14) and Benjamin Raich (14) in sixth place on the all-time men's list.
- Pinturault has claimed 31 World Cup podiums in this discipline, joint sixth among men along Alberto Tomba. Next up is Benjamin Raich on 35 top-three finishes.
- Pinturault won the last two World Cup giant slalom events held in Hinterstoder, on 26 and 28 February 2016. He never won three World Cup giant slalom events in a single ski resort.

### Henrik Kristoffersen

- Henrik Kristoffersen (4) could become the second Norwegian to win at least five giant slaloms in the World Cup, after Kjetil André Aamodt (6). He now shares second place with Aksel Lund Svindal (4) and Erik Håker (4).
- Kristoffersen has won 21 World Cup races in all disciplines, joint-third most among Norwegian alpine skiers alongside Aamodt (21). Only Svindal (36) and Kjetil Jansrud (23, coming into Hinterstoder) have won more.
- Kristoffersen has claimed 12 top-three finishes in World Cup giant slalom events since the start of 2017/18, joint most in this period alongside Marcel Hirscher (12).
- Kristoffersen claimed only one World Cup giant slalom podium in Austria, a third place in Hinterstoder on 28 February 2016.

### Žan Kranjec

- Žan Kranjec currently leads the giant slalom standings. He is chasing Slovenia's first crystal globe on the men's side. The best result by a male skier representing Slovenia in a World Cup standings are second places by Jure Kosir in the giant slalom (1995) and slalom (1999).
- Kranjec finished in the top five in nine of the last 11 giant slaloms in the World Cup, with the only exceptions ninth places in Kranjska Gora (9 March 2019) and Naeba (22 February 2020).
- Kranjec (2) could equal the record for most World Cup wins among male skiers representing Slovenia: three by Jure Kosir.

## Other contenders

- The last five men's World Cup giant slalom events were won by five different skiers. The last time there were six different giant slalom winners in a row in the World Cup was from January to December 2011.
- **Filip Zubcic** became the third alpine skier to win a World Cup event for Croatia when he won the giant slalom in Naeba on 22 February. Siblings Janica and Ivica Kostelic won respectively 30 and 26 World Cup events for Croatia.
- Zubcic could equal the Croatian record for most World Cup wins in the giant slalom, two by Janica Kostelic. Ivica Kostelic never won a giant slalom event in the World Cup.
- **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).
- **Ted Ligety** (35 years, 183 days on 1 March) 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.
- **Marco Odermatt** (Naeba) and **Loïc Meillard** (Garmisch-Partenkirchen) both claimed a second place in the giant slalom this World Cup season. The last Swiss man to win a giant slalom in the World Cup was Carlo Janka in Kranjska Gora on 5 March 2011.
- **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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