

PREVIEW MEN'S DOWNHILL KVITFJELL – Saturday 7 Mar 2020

Beat Feuz

- Beat Feuz will secure the downhill crystal globe if he records a top-24 finish in this race.
- Feuz would become the first man to win the downhill globe in three successive seasons since Stephan Eberharter from 2002 to 2004.
- Seven men have already won the downhill globe at least three times, including Swiss skiers Didier Cuche (4), Peter Müller (3) and Franz Heinzer (3).
- The last time Feuz failed to reach the top-24 in a World Cup downhill race was in Kitzbühel on 21 January 2017, when he recorded a DNF.
- Feuz recorded a top-three finish in 18 of the last 21 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 (35) is one World Cup downhill podium shy of equalling Michael Walchhofer (36) in fourth place on the men's all-time list. Only Franz Klammer (41), Müller (41) and Eberharter (38) have collected more.
- Feuz is the last Swiss man to win the Kvitfjell downhill in the World Cup as he was victorious on 11 March 2011. This was Feuz's first World Cup career win in any discipline.
- Feuz has collected five World Cup podiums in the Kvitfjell downhill, including in each of the last three downhill World Cups here. Only Klaus Kröll (6) finished on more downhill podiums in the Norwegian ski resort.

Thomas Dreßen

- Thomas Dreßen has won three downhill races this World Cup season, including each of the last two. No other man has won more than two downhills this season.
- Dreßen can become the third German man to win four World Cup events in one season (all disciplines), after Felix Neureuther (4) in 2013/14 and Armin Bittner (4) in 1989/90.
- Dreßen (5) is one win shy of equalling Christian Neureuther (6) in fourth place for most World Cup wins among German men. Only Felix Neureuther (13), Markus Wasmeier (9) and Bittner (7) have won more.
- Dreßen became the first German man to win a World Cup event in Kvitfjell when he won the downhill on 10 March 2018.

Other contenders

- **Aleksander Aamodt Kilde** finished in the top 10 in each of his last seven World Cup appearances in the downhill.
- Kilde won two World Cup downhill races: in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 30 January 2016 and in Val Gardena on 15 December 2018.

- Kilde has yet to record his first World Cup podium on Norwegian snow.
- **Kjetil Jansrud** won eight downhill races in the World Cup, but not since winning in Kvitfjell on 25 February 2017.
- Jansrud can become the first skier to win the Kvitfjell downhill three times in the World Cup. Jansrud previously won in 2014 and 2017.
- Jansrud has claimed a record seven World Cup wins and a record 11 World Cup podiums on Norwegian snow (all in Kvitfjell).
- **Matthias Mayer** can become the first Austrian man to win multiple downhill races in one World Cup season since Hannes Reichelt (3) in 2014/15.
- Mayer is the only man to have won both a downhill and super-G race this World Cup season.
- **Austrian men** have won the Kvitfjell downhill in the World Cup a record 13 times. Reichelt was the last to do so, on 7 March 2015.
- **Johan Clarey** (39 years and 59 days old on 7 March) 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.

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