

## Preview Alpine Skiing 2020/2021 World Cup - Men

### Aleksander Aamodt Kilde

- Aleksander Aamodt Kilde won the overall crystal globe last season. He became the fourth Norwegian to achieve this, after Kjetil André Aamodt (1993/94), Lasse Kjus (1995/96, 1998/99) and Aksel Lund Svindal (2006/07, 2008/09).
- Kilde was the first man to win the overall after Marcel Hirscher's eight-year dominance from 2012 to 2019. The last man other than Hirscher to win the overall crystal globe in successive seasons was Stephan Eberharter in 2001/02 and 2002/03.
- Kilde can become the first Norwegian man to win the overall in successive seasons.
- Kilde's only World Cup race win last season came in the Saalbach-Hinterglemm super-G on 14 February 2020. He equalled the record of fewest World Cup race wins by the overall crystal globe winner: Gustav Thöni (1) in 1971/72.
- Kilde finished in the top-10 in 22 events in the 2019/20 World Cup, most for a man in one season since Marcel Hirscher (23) in 2015/16.
- Kilde won four career World Cup events, two in the downhill (2016 Garmisch-Partenkirchen, 2018 Val Gardena) and two in the super-G (2016 Hinterstoder, 2020 Saalbach-Hinterglemm).

### Alexis Pinturault

- Alexis Pinturault finished second in the overall standings last season, just 54 points behind Aleksander Aamodt Kilde.
- Pinturault claimed second place in the overall in each of the last two seasons, and finished third in three successive years from 2014 to 2016.
- Only Didier Cuche (6) finished in the top-three of the overall classification more often without ever winning than Pinturault (5) and Henrik Kristoffersen (5).
- Pinturault could become the third Frenchman to win the overall crystal globe, after Jean-Claude Killy (1966/67, 1967/68) and Luc Alphand (1996/97).
- Pinturault won six World Cup standings in his career, all in the Alpine combined (all-time record).
- Pinturault won a season-high six men's World Cup events in 2019/20: three in the giant slalom, two in the Alpine combined and one in the slalom.
- Pinturault (29) is one shy of becoming the 10th male skier to claim 30 World Cup wins. Bode Miller (33) currently holds ninth place all-time. Pinturault is tied with Stephan Eberharter in 10th place (29 World Cup race wins).

## Henrik Kristoffersen

- Henrik Kristoffersen finished in the top-three of the overall standings in each of the last five seasons. He ranked second in 2015/16 and 2017/18, and third in 2016/17, 2018/19 and 2019/20.
- Only Didier Cuche (6) finished in the top-three of the overall classification more often without ever winning than Kristoffersen (5) and Alexis Pinturault (5).
- Last season, Kristoffersen became the first man other than Marcel Hirscher to win the slalom and giant slalom crystal globes in one season since Benjamin Raich in 2004/05.
- Kristoffersen (9) was the male skier to have collected the most World Cup event podiums last season.
- Kristoffersen has won 21 World Cup events, equal to Kjetil André Aamodt (21) in third place all-time among Norwegian skiers. Only Aksel Lund Svindal (36) and Kjetil Jansrud (23) have won more.

## Beat Feuz

- Beat Feuz won the downhill crystal globe in each of the last three seasons. Only one man ever won the downhill globe in four successive seasons: Franz Klammer from 1974/75 to 1977/78.
- Klammer (5) and Didier Cuche (4) are the only men to have won the downhill crystal globe at least four times.
- Only four men have collected more World Cup event podiums in the downhill than Feuz (35): Klammer (41), Peter Müller (41), Stephan Eberharter (38) and Michael Walchhofer (36).
- Feuz finished in the top-six in each of his last 23 World Cup downhill participations (5 wins), since an eight-place finish in Val Gardena on 16 December 2017.

## Dominik Paris

- Dominik Paris had to cut his 2019/20 season short after suffering a serious knee injury in the Kitzbühel training. Paris was second in the downhill standings at that time, only 16 points behind Beat Feuz.
- Paris finished in the top-two in four of the first five downhill events last season. He won both races in Bormio and finished second in Lake Louise and Wengen.
- Paris has yet to win the downhill crystal globe. He won his only career globe in the super-G in 2018/19.
- Peter Fill is the only Italian man to have won the downhill globe, in 2015/16 and 2016/17.
- The last man to win the downhill and super-G crystal globes in the same season was Kjetil Jansrud in 2014/15.
- Paris has won 14 World Cup downhill races, equal to Aksel Lund Svindal and Michael Walchhofer in sixth place all-time among men. Peter Müller (19, 2nd place), Stephan Eberharter (18, 3rd), Franz Heinzer (15, 4th) and Hermann Maier (15, 4th) are all theoretically within reach for Paris this season.

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