

## PREVIEW MEN'S PARALLEL LECH – Friday 27 Nov 2020

- Lech will host a World Cup event for the first time since 20-21 December 1994, when Alberto Tomba won both slalom events contested at the Austrian ski resort.
- The men's parallel will be held for the seventh time in the World Cup. The first five editions (PGS) were staged in Alta Badia, the last in Chamonix.
- Six different men have won the six parallel giant slaloms in the World Cup: Kjetil Jansrud (2015), Cyprien Sarrazin (2016), Matts Olsson (2017), Marcel Hirscher (2018), Rasmus Windingstad (2019) and Loïc Meillard (2020).
- No male skier has ever appeared in multiple finals of a World Cup parallel giant slalom event. Jansrud (2), Olsson (2), Hirscher (2) and Leif Kristian Nestvold-Haugen (2) are the only skiers to have reached the semi-finals on multiple occasions.
- Only Jansrud (2) and Hirscher (2) have finished on the podium of a parallel giant slalom more than once.
- This will be the first ever World Cup event with a knockout format (parallel, city event) to be contested in Austria.
- **Alexis Pinturault** can become the first man to win a World Cup race in six different disciplines. Pinturault already claimed World Cup victories in the slalom, giant slalom, super-G, Alpine combined and city event.
- Pinturault (29) is one shy of becoming the 10th male skier to claim 30 World Cup wins (any discipline). Bode Miller (33) currently holds ninth place all-time.
- Pinturault has won nine World Cup events in Austria, most among active male alpine skiers. His nine wins on Austrian snow are at least four more than he managed in any other country (5 in France).
- Pinturault finished third in the parallel giant slalom in Alta Badia on 17 December 2018, his best World Cup result in this discipline.
- **Henrik Kristoffersen's** best World Cup result in a parallel giant slalom was a second place in 2017, losing to Matts Olsson in the big final.
- Kristoffersen has won six World Cup events in Austria, at least two more than in any other country (4 in Switzerland).
- **Lucas Braathen**, winner of the season opener in Sölden, can become the first man to win the opening two World Cup events of the season since Bode Miller in 2004/05.
- Braathen can become the third Norwegian alpine skier to achieve multiple World Cup wins before his 21st birthday, after Kristoffersen (4) and Erik Håker (2).
- Kristoffersen was also the last male alpine skier to win his second World Cup event before turning 21, in the 2014/15 season.
- **Ramon Zenhäusern** (2) is one of three men to have won multiple World Cup events with a knockout format (parallel, city event), alongside Hirscher



(3) and Ivica Kostelic (2). Both of Zenhäusern's wins came in the city event in Stockholm.

- **Loïc Meillard**, who will not be racing in Lech, won the most recent parallel giant slalom in the World Cup, in Chamonix on 9 February 2020. It was his first and to date only World Cup win.

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