

PREVIEW MEN'S DOWNHILL VAL D'ISÈRE – 12 Dec 2020

Beat Feuz

- Last season, Beat Feuz won the downhill crystal globe for a third successive time. Among men, only Franz Klammer (5) and Didier Cuche (4) have won this globe at least four times.
- Klammer is the only male skier to win the downhill globe in four consecutive seasons, from 1974/75 to 1977/78.
- Feuz has won 10 World Cup downhill races, including two in last season (Beaver Creek, Wengen). Feuz needs two more downhill victories to reach the all-time top 10 among men in this discipline. Cuche and Kristian Ghedina currently share ninth place on 12 wins each.
- Among active alpine skiers, only Dominik Paris (14) has won more men's downhill events in the World Cup than Feuz (10).
- The last Swiss man to win the Val d'Isère downhill in the World Cup was Pirmin Zurbriggen on 9 January 1988.
- Feuz reached the podium in 18 of the last 22 downhill races in the World Cup (5 wins). The only exceptions in this period were three sixth places and a fourth place.
- 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 Klammer (41), Peter Müller (41) and Stephan Eberharter (38) have collected more.

Dominik Paris

- Last season, Dominik Paris was second in the downhill standings after the races in Wengen before he had to end his season prematurely due to injury.
- Paris can become the second Italian man to win the downhill crystal globe, after Peter Fill (2015/16, 2016/17).
- Paris won the super-G globe in 2018/19. He can become the ninth male skier, and the first man from Italy, to win a crystal globe in both speed events.
- Paris (14) is the active male skier to have won the most downhill events in the World Cup (next Beat Feuz on 10). On the all-time men's list, Paris shares sixth place alongside Aksel Lund Svindal and Michael Walchhofer. Franz Heinzer and Hermann Maier (both 15) share fourth place.
- In his last 10 World Cup participations in the downhill, Paris either won (six times), claimed second place (twice) or finished 11th (twice).
- The last Italian man to win the Val d'Isère downhill in the World Cup was Alessandro Fattori on 16 December 2000.

Matthias Mayer

- Matthias Mayer finished third in the downhill standings last season. He won the downhills in Kitzbühel and Kvitfjell (most recent).

- The last Austrian to win the men's downhill crystal globe was Klaus Kröll in 2011/12.
- Mayer has yet to win a World Cup standings. He has won nine World Cup events, of which five in the downhill. Mayer's best achievements are Olympic gold medals in the downhill (2014) and super-G (2018).
- Mayer can become the first Austrian man to win successive downhill races in the World Cup since Hannes Reichelt in February-March 2015.
- Austrian men have won 20 of the 35 World Cup downhill events held in Val d'Isère. Switzerland follow on five wins in this specific event.

Other contenders

- **Kjetil Jansrud** won the most recent World Cup downhill race held in Val d'Isère. On 3 December 2016, Jansrud won ahead of Peter Fill in second and Aksel Lund Svindal in third place. This was the only men's World Cup downhill in Val d'Isère in the last 13 seasons.
- Jansrud could join Franz Klammer (3), Helmut Höflehner (2), Pirmin Zurbriggen (2) and Stephan Eberharter (2) on multiple World Cup downhill wins in Val d'Isère.
- Jansrud has won eight downhill races in the World Cup, but not since winning in Kvitfjell on 25 February 2017.
- Jansrud (2014/15) is one of three Norwegians to have won the men's downhill crystal globe, alongside Svindal (2012/13, 2013/14) and Lasse Kjus (1998/99).
- **Aleksander Aamodt Kilde** finished in the top 10 in each of his last eight World Cup appearances in the downhill. He finished fourth in the downhill standings last season.
- Kilde won two World Cup downhill races, in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 30 January 2016 and in Val Gardena on 15 December 2018.
- **Hannes Reichelt** (40 years) and **Johan Clarey** (39 years) will participate in the World Cup for another season. The record for oldest man to win a World Cup event belongs to Didier Cuche who won the Crans-Montana super-G on 24 February 2012 at age 37 years and 192 days.
- Reichelt has won six downhills in the World Cup, but not since Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 28 January 2017.
- Clarey has collected six World Cup podiums in the downhill, but failed to win one. The last Frenchman to win a World Cup downhill was Adrien Théaux in Santa Caterina on 29 December 2015.
- The only French victories in the men's downhill in the World Cup in Val d'Isère were by Luc Alphand (9 December 1995) and Pierre-Emmanuel Dalcin (20 January 2007).

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