

## PREVIEW MEN'S GIANT SLALOM ALTA BADIA – Sunday 20 Dec 2020

### Marco Odermatt

- Marco Odermatt finished on the podium in each of the first three giant slalom races this World Cup season: second in Sölden, third in Santa Caterina on 5 December and first in Santa Caterina on 7 December.
- Odermatt's win in Santa Caterina was the first World Cup win in the giant slalom for the 23-year-old. Among Swiss men, only Pirmin Zurbriggen (5) and Carlo Janka (3) won multiple World Cup giant slalom events before their 24th birthday.
- Odermatt can become the first man to win successive giant slalom events in the World Cup since Alexis Pinturault from March to October 2019.
- The last Swiss man to claim back-to-back World Cup wins in the giant slalom was Michael von Grünigen in November-December 2002.
- Daniel Albrecht was the last Swiss man to win a giant slalom event in the Alta Badia World Cup as he won here on 21 December 2008.

### Alexis Pinturault

- Alexis Pinturault finished in the top five in each of the three opening World Cup giant slalom events this season, but has yet to reach the podium.
- Pinturault has won 14 World Cup giant slalom events, equal to Benjamin Raich and Hermann Maier in sixth place all-time among men. Alberto Tomba (15) is in fifth place.
- Pinturault has yet to win a World Cup giant slalom race in Italy. Pinturault (now 7 countries) could become the fourth man to win a World Cup giant slalom event in at least eight different countries, after Ingemar Stenmark (14), Marcel Hirscher (9) and Michael von Grünigen (9).
- Two Frenchmen have won the Alta Badia giant slalom in the World Cup: Joël Chenal on 19 December 1999 and Frederic Covili on 16 December 2001.

### Henrik Kristoffersen

- Henrik Kristoffersen has won four giant slalom events in the World Cup: in Méribel (2015), Bansko (2019), Kranjska Gora (2019) and Alta Badia (2019). He also picked up the giant slalom world title in 2019.
- Kristoffersen could become the second Norwegian to win at least five giant slalom events in the World Cup, after Kjetil André Aamodt (6). He now shares second place with Aksel Lund Svindal (4) and Erik Håker (4).
- Kristoffersen won the most recent World Cup giant slalom held in Alta Badia, on 22 December 2019.
- Kristoffersen is one of only two Norwegian men to win a World Cup giant slalom in Italy, alongside Kjetil André Aamodt who won in Sestriere on 28 November 1992.

## Other contenders

- **Lucas Braathen** (Sölden) and **Filip Zubcic** (1st in Santa Caterina) won the first two giant slalom events of this World Cup season.
- 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).
- The last man to win multiple World Cup events before turning 21 was Kristoffersen in the 2014/15 season.
- Zubcic achieved all five of his World Cup podiums in giant slalom events in 2020, including his two wins (Naeba, Santa Caterina). Before 2020, his best result in a giant slalom event was a seventh place finish in Alta Badia on 14 December 2014.
- Zubcic is one of only three skiers representing Croatia to win a World Cup event, alongside siblings Janica (30) and Ivica Kostelic (26).
- **Žan Kranjec** has won two career World Cup events, both in the giant slalom. He won in Saalbach-Hinterglemm on 19 December 2018 and in Adelboden on 11 January 2020.
- Kranjec could equal Jure Kosir's record for most World Cup wins among male skiers representing Slovenia (3).
- **Tommy Ford** won the Beaver Creek giant slalom on 8 December 2019, his first ever World Cup podium. He also claimed giant slalom podiums in Naeba (3rd) on 22 February 2020 and in Santa Caterina (2nd) on 7 December 2020.
- **Ted Ligety** has won 24 giant slalom events in the World Cup, but not since his victory in Sölden on 25 October 2015. Only Ingemar Stenmark (46) and Marcel Hirscher (31) have won more men's World Cup events in the giant slalom.
- Last season, **Austria** failed to win a single men's giant slalom event for the first time since the 1992/93 season. The last Austrian other than Marcel Hirscher to win a men's giant slalom in the World Cup was Philipp Schörghofer in Hinterstoder on 6 February 2011.
- **Italy** have not won a men's giant slalom event in the World Cup since 26 February 2012, when Massimiliano Blardone triumphed in Crans-Montana.

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