

## PREVIEW MEN'S SLALOM ALTA BADIA – Monday 21 Dec 2020

### Henrik Kristoffersen

- Last season, Henrik Kristoffersen won the slalom crystal globe for a second time, after 2015/16. He finished just two points ahead of Clément Noël in the standings (552 v 550).
- Since the turn of the century, only Marcel Hirscher won the men's slalom crystal globe in successive seasons. Hirscher won three in a row from 2012/13 to 2014/15 and from 2016/17 to 2018/19.
- Kristoffersen has won 17 slalom events in the World Cup, fourth-most among men behind Ingemar Stenmark (40), Alberto Tomba (35) and Marcel Hirscher (32).
- Kristoffersen can become the second man to win a giant slalom and a slalom in Alta Badia in the World Cup, after Hirscher.

### Clément Noël

- Clément Noël finished just two points behinds winner Henrik Kristoffersen in the slalom standings last World Cup season (552 v 550).
- Noël can become the first Frenchman to secure the men's slalom crystal globe since Jean-Baptiste Grange in 2008/09.
- Since the start of the 2018/19 World Cup season, Noël has claimed the most wins (6) and the most podiums (10) in men's World Cup slalom events.
- Noël's six career slalom wins in the World Cup rank him in fourth place among French male skiers, behind Jean Noël Augert (13), Patrick Russel (9) and Jean-Baptiste Grange (8).
- Noël has won three slalom events in the World Cup in 2020. He can become the third Frenchman to win at least four in a single calendar year, after Augert (5) in 1971 and Russel (4) in 1970.

### Daniel Yule

- Last season, Daniel Yule won three slalom events in the World Cup, joint-most among men alongside Clément Noël (3). Only Noël (6) claimed more World Cup slalom podiums than Yule (5) that season.
- Yule finished third in the slalom standings in the 2019/20 World Cup. The only Swiss man to win the slalom crystal globe is Dumeng Giovanoli in 1967/68.
- Yule already holds the Swiss record for most wins (4) and podium finishes (10) in men's World Cup slalom events.
- Yule won the two most recent World Cup slalom events held in Italy, both in Madonna di Campiglio.

## Other contenders

- **Alexis Pinturault** has won three slalom events in the World Cup: twice in Val d'Isère (2012, 2019) and once in Wengen (2014).
- Pinturault recorded a "DNF" in three of the last four slalom events in the World Cup, with the only exception in that run a second-place finish in Schladming on 28 January.
- **Ramon Zenhäusern** could become the fifth Swiss man to win multiple slalom events in the World Cup. His only previous World Cup win in this discipline came in Kranjska Gora on 10 March 2019.
- **Marco Schwarz** has claimed five World Cup podiums in the slalom without ever winning. Only Paolo De Chiesa (12), Hubert Strolz (7) and Ted Ligety (6) have more men's slalom podiums without a victory.
- Last season, **Austria** failed to win a single men's slalom event for the first time since the 1991/92 season. The last Austrian other than Marcel Hirscher to win a men's slalom in the World Cup was Michael Matt in Kranjska Gora on 5 March 2017.
- Michael Matt (1) and his older brother Mario Matt (3) are the only Austrian skiers other than Hirscher to have won a men's slalom event in the World Cup since the start of 2010/11.
- **Sebastian Foss Solevaag** finished in the top-10 in eight of the nine slalom events last World Cup season, with the only exception a 14th place in Zagreb on 5 January. No other man claimed more than seven top-10 finishes in the slalom that season
- Solevaag claimed two World Cup podiums in the slalom, third places in Zagreb on 6 January 2015 and St. Moritz on 20 March 2016.

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