

PREVIEW MEN'S DOWNHILL BORMIO – Monday 28 Dec 2020

Aleksander Aamodt Kilde

- Aleksander Aamodt Kilde won the most recent World Cup downhill event in Val Gardena on 19 December, to claim his first victory in this discipline in more than two years. It was his first World Cup downhill win since 15 December 2018, when he also triumphed in Val Gardena.
- Kilde can now become the first alpine skier representing Norway to claim consecutive World Cup downhill wins since Aksel Lund Svindal in December 2017.
- The last skier to win successive World Cup downhill events was Thomas Dreßen in February 2020 (Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Saalbach-Hinterglemm).
- Kilde, who finished fourth in the opening downhill event in Val d'Isère, is the only alpine skier to finish in the top-four in both of the first two World Cup downhill races this season.
- Kilde has recorded a top-10 finish in each of his last 10 World Cup downhill appearances, since a 12th-place finish in Lake Louise on 30 November 2019.
- Only Beat Feuz (4) has claimed more podium spots in World Cup downhill events in 2020 than Kilde (3).
- Kilde can become the first Norwegian skier to win a men's World Cup downhill in Bormio since Svindal on 29 December 2013.

Beat Feuz

- Beat Feuz finished in third place in the last World Cup downhill race in Val Gardena to claim his first podium of this World Cup season (all disciplines).
- Feuz, who won the last three downhill crystal globes, is hoping to claim his first World Cup downhill win since 18 January, when he won in Wengen.
- Feuz has won 10 World Cup downhill races and needs two more victories to reach the all-time top-10 among men in this discipline. Didier Cuche and Kristian Ghedina (12 each) currently share ninth place.
- Among active male skiers, only Dominik Paris (14) has won more downhill events in the World Cup than 33-year-old Feuz (10).
- Only Franz Klammer (41), Peter Müller (41) and Stephan Eberharter (38) have recorded more podium finishes in men's World Cup downhill events than Feuz (36).
- Since the start of 2017/18, Feuz has claimed 20 podium spots in World Cup downhill events, at least nine more than any other male skier (Paris 11).
- Feuz can become the first skier representing Switzerland to win a World Cup downhill in Bormio since Didier Defago on 29 December 2011.

Other contenders

- **Dominik Paris** has yet to claim his first podium in a World Cup downhill event this season. The 31-year-old finished 10th in the opening race in Val d'Isère and 15th in the most recent race in Val Gardena.
- Paris's 15th place in Val Gardena was his worst finish in a World Cup downhill event since a 17th-place finish in Val Gardena on 15 December 2018.
- Paris (10th, 15th) can fail to reach the top-nine in three consecutive World Cup downhill appearances for the first time since December 2015 (20th, 13th, 36st).
- Paris has won 14 career World Cup downhill events, the most among all active male skiers. His last wins came in Bormio, on 27 and 28 December 2019.
- Paris' tally of 14 World Cup downhill wins ranks him in joint-sixth place all-time alongside Aksel Lund Svindal and Michael Walchhofer. He needs one more win to join Franz Heinzer and Hermann Maier (15 each) in fourth place.
- Paris has won five World Cup downhill races in Bormio, at least two more than at any other venue.
- **Martin Cater** followed up his surprise win in the opening World Cup downhill race of this season with a 25th-place finish in the most recent downhill in Val Gardena.
- Cater's downhill win in Val d'Isère was his first career World Cup victory (all disciplines). The only skier representing Slovenia to claim multiple World Cup downhill wins is Andrej Jerman (2, 2007-2009).
- Cater can become the second skier representing Slovenia to win a World Cup downhill in Bormio after Jerman on 29 December 2009.
- **Ryan Cochran-Siegle** finished second in the most recent World Cup downhill race in Val Gardena to claim his first career podium.
- Cochran-Siegle is hoping to become the first skier representing USA to win a World Cup downhill event since Travis Ganong in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 27 January 2017.
- The last US skier to win a World Cup downhill race in Bormio was Bode Miller on 29 December 2007.

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