

PREVIEW MEN'S GIANT SLALOM ADELBODEN – Fri-Sat 8-9 Jan 2021

Alexis Pinturault

- Alexis Pinturault won the most recent World Cup giant slalom event and finished in the top five in each of the four World Cup giant slalom events this season.
- Pinturault can become the first man to win successive giant slalom World Cup events since he himself achieved this in Soldeu (March 2019) and Sölden (October 2019).
- The last man to win back-to-back World Cup giant slalom events in a single season was Henrik Kristoffersen in Bansko and Kransjka Gora in February and March 2019.
- Pinturault has won 15 World Cup giant slalom events, equal to Alberto Tomba (15) in fifth place among men. Michael von Grünigen is fourth on 23 wins.
- Pinturault has won 31 World Cup events in all disciplines, two short of Bode Miller (33) in ninth place all-time among men.
- Pinturault won the World Cup giant slalom event in Adelboden on 7 January 2017. He finished second in 2015 and third in 2018.

Marco Odermatt

- Marco Odermatt finished on the podium in each of the first three giant slalom races this World Cup season, but he came in fourth in Alta Badia (20 December 2020).
- 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 Swiss man to win multiple World Cup giant slalom events in a season since Carlo Janka in 2009/10 (2).
- The last Swiss man to win a World Cup giant slalom on home snow was Marc Berthod who won in Adelboden on 5 January 2008.

Henrik Kristoffersen

- Henrik Kristoffersen won the giant slalom crystal globe last season.
- He 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 finished on the podium of a giant slalom in Adelboden on four occasions: third in 2014/15, second in 2017/18, second in 2018/19, third in 2019/20.
- Adelboden and Kranjska Gora are the venues where he claimed most podium finishes in giant slalom World Cup races.

Other contenders

- **Lucas Braathen** (Sölden) and **Filip Zubcic** (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 (any discipline) before his 21st birthday, after Henrik 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 finished second in the giant slalom World Cup in Adelboden on 11 January 2020. The only venue where he claimed two podium finishes in giant slalom events is Santa Caterina: a win and a third place.
- 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.
- Since Benjamin Raich's victories (2005/06, 2006/07) in the giant slalom in Adelboden, only one man won the World Cup giant slalom event in Adelboden in successive seasons: Marcel Hirscher in 2017/18 and 2018/19.
- Kranjec could equal Jure Kosir's record for most World Cup wins among male skiers representing Slovenia (3).
- **Atle Lie McGrath** (20 years) finished second in the giant slalom World Cup in Alta Badia. The most recent winners of a men's World Cup event (any discipline) who were younger than 21 years, were both Norwegians: Lucas Braathen (20) in Sölden (giant slalom) on 18 October 2020 and Henrik Kristoffersen (20) in Méribel (giant slalom) on 21 March 2015.
- **Tommy Ford** won the Beaver Creek giant slalom on 8 December 2019, his first ever World Cup podium. Male skiers from United States to have won multiple giant slalom World Cup events are Ted Ligety (24), Bode Miller (9), Phil Mahre (7) and Steven Mahre (2). Only Ligety won a giant slalom in Adelboden (12 January 2013).

- **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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