

PREVIEW MEN'S SLALOM FLACHAU – 16-17 January 2021

Marco Schwarz

- Marco Schwarz won the most recent slalom event in the World Cup, in Adelboden on 10 January. It was his third World Cup victory after a city event win in Oslo and an Alpine combined victory in Wengen, both in January 2019.
- Schwarz became the fourth different winner of the four slalom events so far this World Cup season.
- The last Austrian man to win successive World Cup slalom events was Marcel Hirscher in January 2019. The last Austrian other than Hirscher to achieve this was Mario Matt in February-March 2011.
- In the previous five men's slalom events held in the Flachau World Cup, three Austrians reached the podium, all second places: Mario Reiter on 7 January 1996, Manfred Pranger on 4 January 2004 and Rainer Schönfelder on 22 December 2004.

Linus Straßer

- Linus Straßer finished in the top two in both of the previous two slalom events, his first and only World Cup podiums in this discipline. Straßer won the event in Zagreb and finished second in Adelboden.
- Straßer can become the fourth German skier (including West Germany) to win multiple World Cup slalom events, after Felix Neureuther (11), Armin Bittner (7) and Christian Neureuther (6).
- Felix Neureuther was the most recent German man to win multiple World Cup slalom events in a single season: two in 2014/15.

Henrik Kristoffersen

- Henrik Kristoffersen has won 18 World Cup slalom events, ranking him fourth all-time among men behind Ingemar Stenmark (40), Alberto Tomba (35) and Marcel Hirscher (32).
- Kristoffersen has won six World Cup slalom events in Austria, only trailing Stenmark (9) and Tomba (8) for most among men.
- Of Kristoffersen's 18 World Cup wins in the slalom, more than half came in the month of January (10).
- Kristoffersen has won World Cup slalom events in seven different years. Stenmark (13), Tomba (12), Hirscher (10), Ivica Kostelic (8) and Mario Matt (8) are the only men to have won a slalom in more years.
- Kristoffersen (22) is one shy of equalling Kjetil Jansrud (23) in second place among Norwegians on most World Cup wins in all disciplines. Aksel Lund Svindal tops the list on 36 victories.

Other contenders

- The first four men's slalom events this World Cup season have been won by four different skiers, already as many as in the entire 2019/20 season. The last season in which there were five different men's slalom winners was 2016/17 (5).
- **Clément Noël** has won six World Cup slalom races, most recently in Chamonix on 8 February 2020. Only Jean Noël Augert (13), Patrick Russel (9), and Jean-Baptiste Grange (8) have won more World Cup slalom races among French male skiers.
- **Daniel Yule** achieved five of his 10 World Cup slalom podiums in Austria.
- **Manuel Feller** has achieved five World Cup podiums in the slalom, but has yet to claim a victory. This season, he finished second in Alta Badia and Zagreb. Only Paolo De Chiesa (12), Hubert Strolz (7) and Ted Ligety (6) have claimed more slalom podiums in the men's World Cup without ever winning.
- **Ramon Zenhäusern** won this season's slalom event in Alta Badia, his second World Cup win in this discipline. Only Daniel Yule (4) has won more World Cup slalom events among Swiss men.
- **Sebastian Foss Solevaag** finished second in the Madonna di Campiglio slalom this season. The last Norwegian man other than Henrik Kristoffersen to win a World Cup slalom was Truls Ove Karlsen in Kranjska Gora in February 2004.
- **Alex Vinatzer** can become the first Italian man to win a World Cup slalom event since Manfred Mölgg in Zagreb on 5 January 2017.
- **Dave Ryding** could become the first skier from Great Britain, male or female, to win a World Cup event. Ryding claimed two World Cup slalom podiums: second in Kitzbühel in 2017 and third in Adelboden last week.

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