

PREVIEW MEN'S SLALOM CHAMONIX – 30-31 January 2021

Marco Schwarz

- Last Tuesday, in Schladming, Marco Schwarz became the first skier to win multiple slalom events in the men's World Cup this season. He also triumphed in Adelboden this season.
- Schwarz (6) has collected the most men's slalom podiums this World Cup season. He only failed to record a top-three finish in Madonna di Campiglio, where he came ninth.
- Reinfried Herbst (4 in 2009/10) was the last Austrian other than Marcel Hirscher to win at least three men's slaloms in a World Cup season.
- The last Austrian man other than Hirscher to claim seven World Cup slalom podiums in one season was Mario Matt (7) in 2006/07. Thomas Stangassinger (8) in 1996/97 was the last Austrian other than Hirscher to achieve eight slalom podiums in a men's World Cup season.
- Schwarz finished on the podium in each of the last five slalom events held in the World Cup. The last man to claim six successive World Cup slalom podiums was Hirscher from January to March 2019. The last to finish in the top three in seven consecutive slalom events were Hirscher (10 in a row) and Henrik Kristoffersen (11 in a row) in 2017-2018.

Clément Noël

- Clément Noël is hoping to claim his first slalom win this World Cup season. He won three slalom events in each of the previous two seasons, most recently in Chamonix in February last year.
- Noël can become the seventh skier to win a men's slalom in the World Cup this season. Not since 2008/09 (7) have there been seven different slalom winners in the men's World Cup. The record number of slalom winners in a single World Cup season is nine, achieved in 1985/86 and 1999/2000.
- Among Frenchmen, only Jean Noël Augert (13), Patrick Russel (9), and Jean-Baptiste Grange (8) have won more slalom events in the men's World Cup than Noël (6).
- Noël finished runner-up in two of the last three slalom events held in the World Cup, on the first race day in Flachau and in Schladming last Tuesday.
- Noël can become the fourth man to win multiple World Cup events in Chamonix, after Kjetil André Aamodt (3), Bode Miller (2) and Giorgio Rocca (2).

Other contenders

- **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 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.
- **Linus Straßer** claimed his first slalom win in the World Cup in Zagreb. He 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.
- Like Marco Schwarz and Straßer, two other male skiers claimed their first career World Cup slalom victory in this season: **Manuel Feller** (16 January) and **Sebastian Foss Solevåg** (17 January) in Flachau.
- Solevåg can become the fourth Norwegian man to claim multiple wins in the slalom in a single World Cup season, after Ole Christian Furuseth (1990/91), Finn Christian Jagge (1998/99) and Kristoffersen (2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2019/20).
- **Alexis Pinturault** claimed three World Cup wins in the slalom, including two on French snow: twice in Val d'Isère.
- **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.
- Swiss skiers have never won a men's slalom event in France in the World Cup.
- **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 on 22 January 2017 and third in Adelboden on 10 January 2021.

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