

## PREVIEW MEN'S ALPINE COMBINED WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – Wednesday 10 Feb 2021

### Alexis Pinturault

- Alexis Pinturault won the Alpine combined at the world championships in Åre in 2019. He became the first Frenchman to win the world title in a men's combination event since Michel Vion in 1982.
- Pinturault can become the ninth man to win multiple world titles in combination events, and the third Frenchman after Émile Allais (2) and Jean-Claude Killy (2).
- The last man to successfully defend his world title in the Alpine combined was Aksel Lund Svindal in 2009-2011. Allais (1937-1938) and Killy (1966-1968) also won their combination world titles in successive editions.
- Pinturault claimed the silver medal in the men's Alpine combined at the 2018 Olympic Games in Pyeongchang, behind winner Marcel Hirscher.
- Pinturault topped the Alpine combined standings in six of the last eight World Cup seasons. The Frenchman has claimed 10 World Cup victories in this discipline, one shy of the men's record of 11 held by Marc Girardelli, Phil Mahre and Pirmin Zurbriggen.

### Other contenders

- In the World Cup, Alexis Pinturault has won seven of the last 11 Alpine combined events. Matthias Mayer, Marco Schwarz, Victor Muffat-Jeandet and Niels Hintermann won the other four in this period.
- **Austria** (9) has won the most world titles in men's combination events, one more than France (8). Austria won this world title only twice in the last 14 editions of the world championships: Benjamin Raich in 2005 and Marcel Hirscher in 2015.
- **Marco Schwarz** claimed bronze in this event at the most recent world championships, in Åre in 2019. He finished fourth in the men's Alpine combined at the Olympic Games in Pyeongchang in 2018.
- Only Austria (30) has collected more world championship medals in men's combination events than **Switzerland** (26).
- Switzerland's most recent world championship podium finishes in this event came in front of a home crowd in 2017. Luca Aerni won gold, while **Mauro Caviezel** grabbed bronze.
- **Norway** has won seven world titles in a men's combination event, most for the country in a single discipline (6 in men's giant slalom). The last Norwegian to win this world title was Aksel Lund Svindal in 2011.
- The last time the world championships were held in **Italy**, in Bormio in 2005, Giorgio Rocca (bronze) won a medal for the hosts in the men's combination.
- Italy's last world championship medals in this event came in 2011, when **Christof Innerhofer** (silver) and Peter Fill (bronze) both reached the



podium. Innerhofer also won Olympic bronze in the men's Alpine combined, in 2014.

- **Štefan Hadalin** won silver in the men's Alpine combined at the world championships in Åre in 2019. Coming into these world championships, only Tina Maze and Ilka Štuhec have won world titles while representing Slovenia.
- The last **German** skier to reach the podium in a men's combination event at the world championships was Sepp Ferstl (silver) in 1978. Ferstl represented West Germany at those championships.

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