

## PREVIEW MEN'S DOWNHILL LENZERHEIDE – Wednesday 17 Mar 2021

### Beat Feuz

- Beat Feuz is leading the downhill standings by 68 points and could claim the crystal globe in this discipline in Lenzerheide. Regardless of the results of his opponents, Feuz will be guaranteed the crystal globe by finishing inside the top eight.
- Feuz could become the second man to win the downhill globe in four successive seasons, after Franz Klammer from 1974/75 to 1977/78.
- Only Klammer (5) and Didier Cuche (4) have won the men's downhill crystal globe at least four times.
- Feuz won two of the previous seven downhill races in the 2020/21 World Cup season. He triumphed in Kitzbühel on 22 and 24 January 2021.
- Feuz could equal his personal record for most downhill wins in a single World Cup campaign: three victories in 2017/18.
- Feuz (40) is one podium place away of equalling Klammer and Peter Müller on a record 41 World Cup podiums in the men's downhill.
- Feuz finished on the podium in each of the last four downhill events in the World Cup. Following his double in Kitzbühel, Feuz came runner-up in Garmisch-Partenkirchen (5 February) and Saalbach-Hinterglemm (6 March).
- Feuz has finished inside the top 10 in each of his last 33 downhill races he competed in the World Cup since a 13th place in Aspen on 15 March 2017.
- Feuz won three of the last four downhill races in the World Cup in his home country: two wins in Wengen (2018, 2020) and one victory in St. Moritz (2016). During this span, he also came second in Wengen in 2019.
- Only Klammer (6) has won more World Cup downhill events in Switzerland than Feuz (4).
- Swiss men claimed just one podium spot in the previous four World Cup downhill races held in Lenzerheide: Daniel Albrecht's second place in 2007.

### Matthias Mayer

- Matthias Mayer sits in second place in the downhill standings this World Cup season, 68 points behind leader Beat Feuz. Mayer has to finish first or second in this race to at least have a shot at winning the crystal globe.
- Mayer is hoping to become the first Austrian man to win the downhill crystal globe since Klaus Kröll in 2011/12.
- Mayer finished on the podium in each of his last five World Cup downhill events. This run began with his victory in Bormio on 30 December 2020.
- Mayer can become the first Austrian man to claim six successive top-three finishes in World Cup downhill races since Stephan Eberharter set a run of eight in 2003/04. Last season, Feuz claimed six successive World Cup podiums in this discipline.

- Mayer is the most recent winner of a World Cup downhill in Lenzerheide, as he emerged victorious on 12 March 2014. Christof Innerhofer and Ted Ligety both finished second that day.
- Mayer could become the second male skier to celebrate more than one World Cup victory in a specific discipline in Lenzerheide. Ligety won two World Cup giant slalom events in this ski resort (2013-2014).

### **Dominik Paris**

- Dominik Paris has won 15 World Cup downhill events, ranking him in joint-fourth place among men alongside Franz Heinzer and Hermann Maier (both 15). Only Franz Klammer (25), Peter Müller (19) and Stephan Eberharter (18) have claimed more World Cup wins in this discipline.
- Paris' single World Cup victory in the downhill this season came in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 5 February. Paris won multiple World Cup downhill races in four of the last five seasons, with the exception the 2017/18 campaign (1 win).
- Paris has achieved 15 World Cup victories in this discipline in his career but none of those came in Switzerland. His best result in a World Cup downhill event on Swiss snow was a second place in Wengen on 18 January 2020.
- Paris already has won at least one World Cup downhill event in eight different countries. He could equal the all-time record by Peter Müller, who won a World Cup downhill race in nine different countries between 1979 and 1988 (including 2 wins in Switzerland).

### **Other contenders**

- The previous seven downhill races in the 2020/21 World Cup have been won by six men. Only Beat Feuz (2) managed to win multiple times.
- The last time there have been seven different winners of a World Cup downhill race in single season was in 2015/16 (7).
- **Vincent Kriechmayr** won the men's super-G and downhill at the world championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo last month. He triumphed in the most recent downhill in the World Cup: in Saalbach-Hinterglemm (6 March).
- Only Alexis Pinturault (4) has claimed more World Cup victories in all disciplines this season than Kriechmayr (3). Marco Odermatt (also 3) is joint-second alongside Kriechmayr.
- **Johan Clarey** has collected seven World Cup podiums in the downhill, but has yet to win one. By finishing runner-up in Kitzbühel on 24 January, Clarey became the first skier, male or female, to finish on a World Cup podium after turning 40 years old.
- Didier Cuche is the oldest winner of a World Cup event on either the men's or women's side. He was 37 years and 192 days old when he won the super-G in Crans-Montana on 24 February 2012.
- The last Frenchman to win a downhill race in the World Cup was Adrien Théaux in Santa Caterina on 29 December 2015.

- **Romed Baumann** is aiming for his first downhill win in the World Cup. Baumann claimed four runner-up finishes in World Cup downhill events, most recently in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in 2015, but all while representing Austria.
- Both of Baumann's victories in the World Cup were achieved in the Alpine combined while representing Austria: in Sestrière (2009) and Chamonix (2012).
- Since 2005, Thomas Dreßen (5) is the only German man to have claimed a downhill victory in the World Cup.
- **Andreas Sander** took the silver medal in the downhill event at the world championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo last month. In the World Cup, his best result in a downhill race is his fifth-place finish in Kitzbühel on 22 January 2021.
- Baumann and Sander could join Markus Wasmeier as the only German male skiers (including West Germany) to take the win in a World Cup downhill race on Swiss soil. Wasmeier emerged victorious in Wengen on 17 January 1987.
- **Martin Cater**, winner of the first downhill in the 2020/21 World Cup (in Val d'Isère), could join Andrej Jerman (2) as the only Slovenian men to win multiple downhill races in the World Cup.
- Cater's results in World Cup downhill events since his surprise win on 13 December 2020: 25-26-45-31-38.
- **Otmar Striedinger** came second in the opening downhill of this World Cup season, but has not finished higher than seventh place in the following six downhill events in the World Cup.

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