

PREVIEW MEN'S SUPER-G LENZERHEIDE – Thursday 18 Mar 2021

Vincent Kriechmayr

- Vincent Kriechmayr leads the super-G standings by 83 points and could claim the crystal globe in this discipline. Kriechmayr will be guaranteed the crystal globe if he finishes inside the top-14 OR if Marco Odermatt fails to win the race.
- The last Austrian man to win the super-G crystal globe was Hannes Reichelt in 2007/08.
- Kriechmayr is hoping to win his first crystal globe in any discipline. He finished second in the super-G standings in each of the last three World Cup seasons.
- Kriechmayr won two world titles at the world championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo last month, including taking the gold medal in the super-G. Kriechmayr could join a group of six men to win the men's super-G crystal globe and the world title in this discipline in the same season - Pirmin Zurbriggen (1986/87), Åtle Skårdal (1995/96), Hermann Maier (1998/99), Stephan Eberharter (2002/03), Bode Miller (2004/05) and Dominik Paris (2018/19).
- Kriechmayr finished on the podium in each of the last four super-G events in the World Cup. The last man to claim five successive World Cup podiums in super-G events was Paris: five in a row from December 2018 to December 2019.
- Kriechmayr claimed two wins in super-G races this World Cup season: in Kitzbühel (25 January) and Garmisch-Partenkirchen (6 February). This makes him to only man to win multiple World Cup super-G events in 2020/21.
- Among Austrian men, only Maier (5 times) and Eberharter (2001/02) won at least three World Cup super-G races in a single season.
- Kriechmayr (6) is joint second alongside Eberharter, Reichelt and Günther Mader for most World Cup victories in the super-G among Austrian men. National record holder Maier won as many World Cup events in this discipline as those four compatriots combined (24).
- Just one of the 13 men's World Cup super-G races held in Switzerland was won by an Austrian skier. Benjamin Raich emerged victorious in Crans-Montana on 25 February 2012.

Marco Odermatt

- Marco Odermatt is currently second in the super-G standings this World Cup season, trailing Vincent Kriechmayr by 83 points. In order to take the crystal globe in this discipline, Odermatt must win AND Kriechmayr has to finish outside the top-14.
- Odermatt won the most recent World Cup super-G race, in Saalbach-Hinterglemm on 7 March. This marked his second World Cup victory in this discipline, after taking the win in Beaver Creek on 6 December 2019.

- Odermatt finished on the podium in each of the last three super-G events in the World Cup. Before his win in Saalbach-Hinterglemm, he came second in Kitzbühel and third in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.
- Only two Swiss men have won successive World Cup events in the super-G: Pirmin Zurbriggen achieved this in March-December 1984 (last race of the 1983/84 season and first of the 1984/85 season) and repeated this feat in February-March 1990. Paul Accola won back-to-back super-G races in the men's World Cup in February-March 1992.
- Switzerland has not celebrated back-to-back World Cup wins in the men's super-G since December 2011 to February 2012, when they set a run of three thanks to Sandro Viletta, Beat Feuz and Didier Cuche.
- Odermatt could become the fifth Swiss man to take the win in a World Cup super-G race on home soil, after Peter Müller (Crans-Montana, 1985/86), Martin Hangl (Laax, 1988/89), Cuche (Crans-Montana, 2011/12) and Feuz (St. Moritz, 2015/16).

Other contenders

- The six wins in men's super-G events this World Cup season have been divided among five men. The last time there were six different winners of a World Cup event in this discipline in one season was in 2015/16 (6).
- **Matthias Mayer** aims for his first super-G win of this World Cup season. He finished runner-up in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 6 February.
- Mayer has won three World Cup super-G events in his career, the most recent of these three victories coming in Lake Louise on 1 December 2019.
- Mayer has claimed 17 World Cup podiums in the super-G, one shy of equalling Marc Girardelli (18) in eighth place on the men's list. The only active male skiers to have collected more super-G podiums in the World Cup than Mayer (17) are **Kjetil Jansrud** (26) and Hannes Reichelt (19).
- **Jansrud** has won 13 career World Cup super-G races, third most among men behind Hermann Maier (24) and Aksel Lund Svindal (17).
- Svindal is the only Norwegian man to win a men's World Cup super-G event on Swiss soil. He triumphed in Lenzerheide on 15 March 2007.
- **Romed Baumann** claimed the silver medal in the super-G at last month's world championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo. His only World Cup podium in the super-G was a third place in Lake Louise on 28 November 2010, when he still represented Austria.
- This century, Josef Ferstl is the only man representing Germany to have won a super-G event in the World Cup. Ferstl won in Val Gardena on 15 December 2017 and in Kitzbühel on 27 January 2019.
- **Alexis Pinturault** took the bronze medal in the super-G at the world championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo last month. His best World Cup result in the super-G this season is his seventh-place finish in Val d'Isère on 12 December.
- Pinturault won the most recent World Cup super-G event in Lenzerheide (13 March 2014). This still is his only victory in this discipline in the World Cup.

- **Beat Feuz** claimed the victory in the most recent super-G event in the men's World Cup in Switzerland: in St. Moritz on 17 March 2016.
- Feuz and Pinturault could join Marc Girardelli (2) as the only men to win multiple World Cup super-G races in Switzerland.
- **Matthieu Bailet** finished second in the most recent super-G held in the World Cup, in Saalbach-Hinterglemm on 7 March. It was his first ever World Cup podium in any discipline.
- The last Frenchman to win a World Cup super-G event was Pinturault in Lenzerheide on 13 March 2014.
- **Brodie Seger** finished fourth in the super-G at the world championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo last month. The last Canadian man to reach the podium in a World Cup super-G race was Erik Guay, who finished third in Kvitfjell on 26 February 2017.

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