

PREVIEW MEN'S PARALLEL GIANT SLALOM LECH – Sunday 14 Nov 2021

- The men's parallel giant slalom will be held for the eighth time in the World Cup. The first five editions were staged in Alta Badia, before the event moved to Chamonix and Lech.
- The seven previous men's parallel giant slalom events have been won by seven different skiers: Kjetil Jansrud (2015), Cyprien Sarrazin (2016), Matts Olsson (2017), Marcel Hirscher (2018), Rasmus Windingstad (2019), Loïc Meillard (2020) and Alexis Pinturault (2020).
- **Alexis Pinturault** (2) is one of four men to have won multiple World Cup events with a knockout format (parallel, city event), alongside Hirscher (3), Ivica Kostelic (2) and Ramon Zenhäusern (2). The Frenchman won the city event in Moscow on 21 February 2012 and last season's parallel giant slalom in Lech.
- Pinturault has claimed 10 World Cup wins on Austrian snow, at least three more than he managed in any other country (7 in Switzerland). Only Hermann Maier (15), Ingemar Stenmark (15), Marc Girardelli (10) and Pirmin Zurbriggen (10) have claimed as many victories in Austria in the men's World Cup.
- Pinturault can become the second male skier to win a World Cup event in at least 11 successive seasons, after Alberto Tomba from 1987/88 to 1997/98.
- **Henrik Kristoffersen** is the only male skier to have appeared in multiple finals of a World Cup parallel giant slalom event. He finished runner-up to Olsson in Alta Badia on 18 December 2017 and to Pinturault in Lech on 27 November 2020.
- Kristoffersen is one of five men to have recorded multiple World Cup podiums in the parallel giant slalom, alongside Pinturault, Jansrud, Hirscher (all one win and one third place) and Alexander Schmid (two third places).
- Kristoffersen has won six World Cup events in Austria, at least two more than in any other country (4 in Switzerland, Italy and France).
- **Alexander Schmid** finished in third place in the last two parallel giant slalom events held, in Chamonix on 9 February 2020 and in Lech on 27 November 2020. These are to date his only World Cup podiums.
- Schmid can become the third German man to win a World Cup event with a knockout format (parallel, city event). Felix Neureuther won the city event in Munich on New Year's Day in 2013 and Linus Straßer the city event in Stockholm on 31 January 2017.
- **Mathieu Faivre**, reigning world champion in the parallel, could claim his third World Cup win, after giant slalom victories in Val d'Isère (2016) and Bansko (2021).



- After Marco Odermatt's win in Sölden last month, **Swiss skiers** could win the opening two events of a men's World Cup season for the first time since 1995/96, when Michael von Grünigen won in Tignes and Beaver Creek (both giant slalom).
- **Austrian skiers** have won a record five men's World Cup events with a knockout format (parallel, city event): three by Hirscher and one each by Josef Strobl (1997) and Marco Schwarz (2019).

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