

## PREVIEW MEN'S DOWNHILL LAKE LOUISE – 26-27 Nov 2021

### Beat Feuz

- Beat Feuz won the downhill crystal globe in each of the last four World Cup seasons. He is one of two male skiers to have won four successive downhill globes, alongside Franz Klammer (1974/75 to 1977/78).
- Feuz can become the third man to win a specific crystal globe in at least five successive seasons, after Marcel Hirscher (8 in overall, 5 in giant slalom) and Ingemar Stenmark (7 in giant slalom, 7 in slalom).
- Only Klammer (5) and Didier Cuche (4) have won the men's downhill globe as many times as Feuz (4).
- Feuz is level with Didier Cuche and Kristian Ghedina (all 12) in ninth place on the list for most men's downhill event wins in the World Cup. Michael Walchhofer and Aksel Lund Svindal (both 14) are in seventh place.
- Feuz (40) is one shy of equalling the men's record for most World Cup podiums in the downhill, held by Klammer and Peter Müller (both 41).
- Feuz finished on three World Cup downhill podiums in Lake Louise: first in 2017, second in 2011 and third in 2019.

### Matthias Mayer

- Matthias Mayer finished second in the downhill and third in the super-G standings in the 2020/21 World Cup. He has yet to win his first crystal globe.
- The most recent Austrian man to win the downhill crystal globe was Klaus Kröll in 2011/12.
- Mayer finished on the podium in each of his last five World Cup downhill appearances. 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, who set a run of eight in 2003/04.
- Beat Feuz in 2019/20 was the most recent man to claim six successive World Cup downhill podiums.

### Other contenders

- **Dominik Paris** has claimed 15 World Cup victories in the downhill, ranking him in joint-fourth place among men alongside Franz Heinzer and Hermann Maier (both 15). Stephan Eberharter (18) is in third place.
- Paris finished on three World Cup downhill podiums in Lake Louise: first in 2013, second in 2019 and third in 2018.
- **Vincent Kriechmayr** completed the speed double at the 2021 World Championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo. He became the third male skier to achieve this after Maier (1999) and Bode Miller (2005).

- Kriechmayr won the final downhill event of the 2020/21 World Cup season, in Saalbach-Hinterglemm on 6 March. The most recent Austrian man to claim successive World Cup downhill victories was Hannes Reichelt in February-March 2015.
- Since the start of 2018, **Aleksander Aamodt Kilde** is the only Norwegian man to have won a World Cup downhill event: wins in Val Gardena on 15 December 2018 and on 19 December 2020.
- **Kjetil Jansrud** (2014/15) is one of three Norwegians to have won the men's downhill crystal globe, alongside Aksel Lund Svindal (2012/13, 2013/14) and Lasse Kjus (1998/99).
- Jansrud has won eight downhill races in the World Cup, but not since a win in Kvitfjell on 25 February 2017.
- **Johan Clarey** finished fourth in last season's downhill standings. The Frenchman has collected seven World Cup podiums in the downhill, but failed to win one. Only Heinrich Messner (10) and Mario Scheiber (8) have also claimed as many as seven men's World Cup downhill podiums without ever winning.
- The last Frenchman to win a World Cup downhill was Adrien Théaux in Santa Caterina on 29 December 2015.
- Clarey (40 years) could break the record for oldest man to win a World Cup event, set by Didier Cuche (37y-192d) in the Crans-Montana super-G on 24 February 2012.
- In the 2020/21 World Cup, the opening men's downhill event was won by **Martin Cater** who was running bib 41. **Otmar Striedinger**, wearing bib 26, finished in second place.
- The most recent World Cup downhill in Lake Louise was won by Thomas Dreßen on 30 November 2019, but the German will not participate in this year's race due to injury.

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