

PREVIEW MEN'S DOWNHILL BEAVER CREEK – 4-5 Dec 2021

Matthias Mayer

- Matthias Mayer won this season's opening downhill event in Lake Louise. The most recent man to win the first two World Cup downhill races of a season was Aksel Lund Svindal, who won the first three in 2015/16 (Lake Louise, Beaver Creek, Val Gardena).
- Stephan Eberharter was in 2002/03 the last Austrian man to win the opening two (and three) downhill events of a World Cup season (Lake Louise, Beaver Creek, Val d'Isère).
- The most recent Austrian man to win successive World Cup downhill events was Hannes Reichelt in February-March 2015.
- **Mayer finished on the podium in each of the last six World Cup downhill races. He could become the fourth male skier to achieve seven consecutive downhill podiums in the World Cup, after compatriots Franz Klammer (10, 1976-1977), Eberharter (8 in 2003/04) and Helmut Höflehner (7 in 1989/90).**
- Austria's last World Cup downhill win in Beaver Creek was celebrated by Michael Walchhofer on 30 November 2007.

Beat Feuz

- **Beat Feuz finished third in the Lake Louise downhill last weekend, equalling Franz Klammer and Peter Müller on a men's record 41 World Cup podiums in the downhill.**
- 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 won the two most recent World Cup downhill events held in Beaver Creek, on 30 November 2018 and 7 December 2019.
- Only Aksel Lund Svindal (4), Bode Miller (3) and Hermann Maier (3) have claimed more than two World Cup downhill wins in Beaver Creek.
- Feuz achieved five World Cup downhill podiums in Beaver Creek, equal to Stephan Eberharter (5). Only Svindal (7) has claimed more World Cup downhill podiums in the US ski resort.

Other contenders

- **Vincent Kriechmayr** finished second in the downhill opener in Lake Louise last weekend. The Austrian also achieved a runner-up finish in the most recent World Cup downhill held in Beaver Creek, on 7 December 2019.
- Last season, 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).
- **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.

- 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** has won eight downhill races in the World Cup, but not since a win in Kvitfjell on 25 February 2017. The Norwegian won the Beaver Creek downhill in 2014.
- **Johan Clarey** has collected seven World Cup podiums in the downhill (including a second place in Beaver Creek in 2019), 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.
- **Marco Odermatt**, fourth in Lake Louise, already achieved World Cup wins in the giant slalom and super-G in 2021. The last man to claim World Cup wins in the giant slalom, super-G and downhill in a single calendar year was Aksel Lund Svindal (2007).
- The only Swiss men to have claimed career World Cup victories in the downhill, super-G and giant slalom are Pirmin Zurbriggen, Didier Cuche and Carlo Janka.
- **Ryan Cochran-Siegle** finished second in the Val Gardena downhill last World Cup season. It marked the first World Cup downhill podium for a US male skier in almost four years.
- The last male skier representing United States to win a World Cup downhill event in Beaver Creek was Bode Miller on 2 December 2011.

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