

## PREVIEW MEN'S SLALOM – Sunday 12 Dec 2021

### Marco Schwarz

- Marco Schwarz won the slalom crystal globe in the 2020/21 World Cup. It marked a record-extending 16th win for Austria in the men's slalom standings.
- The last two male skiers to successfully defend their slalom crystal globe both represent Austria: Thomas Sykora (1996/97-1997/98) and Marcel Hirscher (2012/13-2014/15 and 2016/17-2018/19).
- Schwarz claimed both of his World Cup slalom wins in January 2021, in Adelboden and Schladming.
- Of the previous eight men's World Cup slalom events held in Val d'Isère, a record three were won by Austrian skiers: Hirscher in 2010 and 2017, and Mario Matt in 2013.

### Clément Noël

- Clément Noël finished second in the slalom standings in each of the last three World Cup seasons. He can become the third Frenchman in the last 50 World Cup seasons to win the slalom globe, after Sébastien Amiez (1995/96) and Jean-Baptiste Grange (2008/09).
- Noël claimed eight World Cup wins in the slalom. Among Frenchmen, only Jean Noël Augert (13), Patrick Russel (9) and Grange (8) have won as many.
- Of Noël's eight slalom wins in the World Cup, two came on French snow: both in Chamonix (2020, 2021). Only Henrik Kristoffersen, Ingemar Stenmark and Marcel Hirscher (all 3) have won more men's World Cup slalom events in France.
- The most recent Frenchman to win the opening slalom event of a World Cup season was Grange, who won the opener in Levi in 2010/11.

### Other contenders

- **Ramon Zenhäusern** won last season's opening slalom event in the World Cup, in Alta Badia on 21 December. It marked his second World Cup win in the slalom, after a victory in Kranjska Gora in 2019.
- The most recent male skier to win the opening slalom in successive World Cup seasons was Henrik Kristoffersen in 2014/15 and 2015/16.
- Zenhäusern finished runner-up in the two most recent World Cup slalom events held in France, in Chamonix on 30 and 31 January 2021. A Swiss skier has yet to win a men's World Cup slalom event on French snow.
- **Henrik Kristoffersen** has won 19 World Cup slalom events, ranking him fourth on the men's list behind Ingemar Stenmark (40), Alberto Tomba (35) and Marcel Hirscher (32).
- Kristoffersen has claimed a joint-record three men's World Cup slalom wins in France, alongside Stenmark and Hirscher. The Norwegian won the Val d'Isère slalom in 2015 and 2016, and the Chamonix slalom in 2021.

- Of **Alexis Pinturault**'s three World Cup wins in the slalom, two came in Val d'Isère (2012, 2019). He is the only Frenchman who has won the Val d'Isère slalom in the World Cup.
- Only Kristoffersen, Pinturault and Hirscher (all 2) have won multiple men's World Cup slalom events in Val d'Isère.
- **Sebastian Foss Solevåg**'s two slalom wins at world level both came in 2021, in the World Cup in Flachau on 17 January and at the world championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo on 21 February.
- Solevåg can become the second Norwegian man to achieve three slalom victories at world level in a single calendar year, after Kristoffersen: three in 2015, six in 2016, three in 2017).
- **Manuel Feller** won the final slalom event of the 2020/21 World Cup season, in Lenzerheide on 21 March. The most recent man to win back-to-back slaloms in the World Cup was Daniel Yule in January 2020.

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