

PREVIEW MEN'S SUPER-G VAL GARDENA – Friday 17 Dec 2021

Marco Odermatt

- Marco Odermatt comes into the Val Gardena races as the leader in the overall, super-G and giant slalom standings. The Swiss finished first and second in this season's opening two super-G events held in Beaver Creek.
- Odermatt has won five World Cup events in 2021, three in the giant slalom and two in the super-G. He could become the third Swiss man to claim more than five World Cup wins in a single calendar year, after Pirmin Zurbriggen (9 in 1987, 6 in 1986) and Peter Müller (6 in 1986).
- The most recent man to collect more than two World Cup super-G wins in a single calendar year was Kjetil Jansrud (4 in 2016). No Swiss man has ever won three World Cup super-G events in a calendar year.
- The last Swiss man to win the Val Gardena super-G in the World Cup was Beat Feuz on 16 December 2011.
- Odermatt reached the podium in each of the last five World Cup super-G events, since a ninth place in Bormio on 29 December 2020. He could become the sixth man to achieve six consecutive World Cup super-G podiums, and the second from Switzerland after Zurbriggen (runs of nine and six in the 1980s).
- The last man to claim six successive World Cup podiums in super-G events was Aksel Lund Svindal from November 2012 to December 2013.

Aleksander Aamodt Kilde

- Aleksander Aamodt Kilde achieved two World Cup wins in the most recent speed weekend: the super-G (3 December) and downhill (4 December) in Beaver Creek.
- Of Kilde's eight World Cup wins in all disciplines, three were claimed in Val Gardena. The Norwegian won the downhill on 15 December 2018 and completed the speed double in the Italian ski resort in December 2020.
- Kilde can become the fifth man to claim more than three World Cup wins in Val Gardena, after Aksel Lund Svindal (7), Michael Walchhofer (4), Kristian Ghedina (4) and Franz Klammer (4).
- Kilde could join compatriot Svindal (2012/13-2013/14) as the only men to win the Val Gardena super-G in successive World Cup seasons. Svindal (5), Kjetil Jansrud (2) and Michael Walchhofer (2) are the only men to win this event multiple times in the World Cup.

Other contenders

- Norwegian skiers claimed a record nine World Cup wins in the men's super-G held in **Val Gardena**. Only Austria and Switzerland (both 4) have also picked up multiple victories in this specific event.
- Norway won seven of the last nine World Cup super-G events contested in Val Gardena, with the only exceptions wins by Germany's Josef Ferstl in 2017 and Austria's Vincent Kriechmayr in 2019.

- **Vincent Kriechmayr** finished in fifth place in both of the super-G events held in Beaver Creek, ending a run of four World Cup podiums in this discipline.
- Kriechmayr could join Aksel Lund Svindal (5), Kjetil Jansrud (2) and Michael Walchhofer (2) as the only men to win the Val Gardena super-G multiple times in the World Cup.
- **Matthias Mayer** finished runner-up to Marco Odermatt in the super-G held in Beaver Creek on 2 December. It marked his 18th World Cup podium in this discipline, joining Marc Girardelli (18) in eighth place on the men's list. Compatriot Hannes Reichelt is seventh on 19 podiums.
- **Broderick Thompson** finished third in the Beaver Creek super-G on 2 December, achieving Canada's 20th World Cup podium in this discipline, and the first since Erik Guay's third place in Kvitfjell on 26 February 2017.
- Of Canada's 20 World Cup podiums in the men's super-G, five came in Val Gardena (most for the country). Guay was the most recent Canadian man to finish on the super-G podium in Val Gardena: third on 16 December 2016.
- **Travis Ganong** claimed a third place in the super-G in Beaver Creek held on 3 December. The only man representing United States to reach a World Cup super-G podium in Val Gardena is Bode Miller: first in 2006, second in both 2007 and 2011.
- This century, France's only men's World Cup super-G victory was achieved by **Alexis Pinturault** in Lenzerheide on 13 March 2014.

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