

## PREVIEW MEN'S SLALOM MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO – 22 Dec 2021

### Clément Noël

- Clément Noël won the first men's World Cup slalom event of the 2021/22 season in Val d'Isère on 12 December. He can become the first man to win the two opening slalom events of a season since Marcel Hirscher in 2018/19.
- Noël can win consecutive slalom events in the World Cup for the second time, after winning in Wengen and Kitzbühel in January 2019. The last man to claim back-to-back World Cup slalom victories was Daniel Yule in January 2020.
- Noël claimed nine World Cup wins in the slalom. Among Frenchmen, only Jean Noël Augert (13) and Patrick Russel (9) have won as many.
- Noël claimed one of his 16 World Cup podiums in the men's slalom in Madonna di Campiglio, a third place in January 2020. It is his only World Cup podium on Italian snow. He can become the first Frenchman to win a World Cup slalom event in Madonna di Campiglio since Patrice Bianchi on 15 December 1992.
- The last French skier to win a World Cup slalom event on Italian snow was Jean-Baptiste Grange in Alta Badia on 17 December 2007.

### 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 did not collect any points for the World Cup standings in the first event of the season in Val d'Isère. The last man to win the men's slalom crystal globe after not collecting any points in the first event was Benjamin Raich in 2000/01.
- Schwarz recorded his first podium finish in a men's World Cup slalom event in Madonna di Campiglio, a third place on 22 December 2015. He also finished second in this specific event on 22 December 2018.

### Other contenders

- **Henrik Kristoffersen** won the slalom event in Madonna di Campiglio last year, recording his third World Cup slalom win in this resort (also 2015 and 2016). Only Ingemar Stenmark (5) has won more World Cup slalom events in Madonna di Campiglio.
- Kristoffersen has won 19 World Cup slalom events, ranking him fourth on the men's list behind Stenmark (40), Alberto Tomba (35) and Marcel Hirscher (32).

- **Kristoffer Jakobsen** earned his first slalom World Cup podium finish in the opening race of the season, finishing second in Val d'Isère. Swedish male skiers have won the slalom event in Madonna di Campiglio seven times in the World Cup, second-most behind Italian skiers (9). Their most recent win was on 16 December 1985, when Jonas Nilsson claimed victory.
- **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).
- **Filip Zubcic** became the second skier representing Croatia to finish on the podium in a men's World Cup slalom event when he claimed third place in the opening race in Val d'Isère on 12 December. The only man representing Croatia to claim victory in a World Cup slalom event, Ivica Kostelic, recorded his last victory in Kranjska Gora on 10 March 2013.
- No nation has won the Madonna di Campiglio men's slalom World Cup event as many times as **Italy** (9), but their most recent triumph came 16 years ago when Giorgio Rocca won on 12 December 2005.

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