

PREVIEW MEN'S SLALOM WENGEN – Sunday 16 Jan 2022

Clément Noël

- After winning the season slalom opener in Val d'Isère, Clément Noël was on his way to also claim the victory in the second slalom event in Madonna di Campiglio, but missed the last gate in the second run in the Italian resort. In the most recent slalom, in Adelboden, the Frenchman failed to finish his first run.
- Noël (9) is one of three Frenchmen to have won at least nine slalom events in the World Cup, alongside Jean Noël Augert (13) and Patrick Russel (9).
- Of those nine World Cup slalom wins, Noël achieved two in Wengen (2019, 2020). The only male skiers to claim more than two slalom wins in Wengen are Ivica Kostelic (4), Benjamin Raich (3) and Ingemar Stenmark (3).
- The only Frenchman to collect more than two World Cup slalom wins at a single resort is Jean Noël Augert (3 in Kitzbühel).
- Noël achieved all 16 of his World Cup slalom podiums since the start of 2019. In this same period, no other male skier claimed more than nine slalom podiums in the World Cup.

Henrik Kristoffersen

- 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's 19 World Cup wins in the men's slalom are already most for a Norwegian skier in a single discipline (17 by Aksel Lund Svindal in men's super-G).
- Kristoffersen claimed two World Cup slalom wins in Wengen, in 2016 and 2017. The only male skiers to claim more than two slalom wins in Wengen are Ivica Kostelic (4), Benjamin Raich (3) and Ingemar Stenmark (3).
- Kristoffersen finished on the podium in five of the last six World Cup slaloms in Wengen, with the exception a fourth place in 2019. Only Kostelic (9), Stenmark (7) and Marcel Hirscher (6) recorded more World Cup slalom podiums at this resort.

Other contenders

- **Sebastian Foss Solevåg** won the World Cup slalom event in Madonna di Campiglio on 22 December. It was the Norwegian's third world level victory in the slalom, after a World Cup win in Flachau on 17 January 2021 and gold at the world championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo on 21 February 2021.
- **Kristoffer Jakobsen** is the only man to claim multiple slalom podiums this World Cup season. The Swede finished second in Val d'Isère and third in Madonna di Campiglio, his first career World Cup podiums.
- Jakobsen can become the first Swedish man to win a World Cup slalom event since André Myhrer in Aspen on 19 March 2017. Sweden's most recent world level win in the men's slalom was Myhrer's gold medal at the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games.
- **Johannes Strolz** won the most recent slalom event contested in the World Cup, in Adelboden on 9 January. His previous best World Cup result was a 10th place in the Madonna di Campiglio slalom in 2020.
- Strolz's father, Hubert Strolz, won gold in the combination and finished runner-up in the giant slalom at the Calgary 1988 Olympic Winter Games. Hubert Strolz claimed 34 World Cup podiums (2 in Wengen), of which his only win in the combination in Bad Kleinkirchheim.
- Johannes Strolz can become the first man to win back-to-back slalom events in the World Cup since Daniel Yule in January 2020.
- **Marco Schwarz**, winner of last season's slalom crystal globe, finished 11th in Adelboden after failing to post a result in the opening two slalom events of this season. The last man to win the men's slalom crystal globe after not collecting any points in the first two events was Benjamin Raich in 2000/01.
- Austrian skiers have won the Wengen slalom a record nine times in the men's World Cup, but only once in the last 12 years: Marcel Hirscher in 2018.
- **Filip Zubcic** finished third in the opening slalom event of the season, in Val d'Isère on 12 December. It marked the Croatian's first World Cup podium in the slalom.
- Zubcic can join Janica Kostelic as the only skiers representing Croatia to claim a World Cup win in both the giant slalom and slalom.
- **Alexis Pinturault** finished second in the slalom event in Madonna di Campiglio, his 12th World Cup podium in this discipline. The Frenchman won three slalom events in the World Cup, including in Wengen in 2014.
- **Swiss skiers** have claimed nine World Cup podiums in the Wengen slalom, but not since a second place by Michael von Grünigen in 1999. The only Swiss slalom victories in Wengen were achieved by Dumeng Giovanoli (1968) and Joel Gaspoz (1987).

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