

PREVIEW MEN'S DOWNHILL WENGEN – Friday 14 Jan 2022

Beat Feuz

- Beat Feuz (42) has broken the men's record for most World Cup downhill podiums, previously held by Franz Klammer and Peter Müller (both 41).
- 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 joint-seventh place.
- Feuz won the Wengen downhill a joint-record three times in the men's World Cup: in 2012, 2018 and 2020. Klammer also collected three downhill wins on the Lauberhorn (1975-1977).
- Six male skiers have collected more than three World Cup downhill victories at a single resort, with only Dominik Paris (6 in Bormio) and Cuche (5 in Kitzbühel) achieving more than four downhill wins at a resort.
- Feuz can become the first man to claim successive World Cup downhill wins in Wengen since Bode Miller in 2007-2008.

Dominik Paris

- Dominik Paris won the most recent World Cup downhill event, in Bormio on 28 December. It was the Italian's sixth World Cup downhill win in Bormio, breaking the men's record of five downhill wins by Didier Cuche in Kitzbühel.
- Paris could claim back-to-back World Cup downhill victories for the fourth time, after February to March 2016, January to March 2019 (3 in a row) and December 2019. Since the start of 2016, the only other male skiers who achieved successive World Cup downhill wins are Aksel Lund Svindal (December 2017), Thomas Dreßen (February 2020) and Beat Feuz (January 2021).
- Paris (16) is two shy of equalling Stephan Eberharter (18) in third place on the men's list for most World Cup downhill wins.
- In the most recent downhill contested in Wengen (2020), Paris finished second behind winner Beat Feuz. He could become the fourth Italian man to win this event in the World Cup, after Herbert Plank (1976), Kristian Ghedina (1995, 1997) and Christof Innerhofer (2013).

Other contenders

- At least one **Swiss skier** has finished on the podium in each of the last 13 downhill events in the men's World Cup: Beat Feuz, Urs Krienbühl, Carlo Janka, Mauro Caviezel, Niels Hintermann and Marco Odermatt. The last country to reach more successive men's World Cup downhill podiums was Austria from 2003 to 2006 (a men's downhill record run of 33).
- Swiss skiers won the Wengen downhill 12 times in the men's World Cup, only trailing Austrian skiers (17) for most. Of those 12 Swiss wins, six came in the last 11 downhill events contested on the Lauberhorn.
- **Niels Hintermann** finished third in the two most recent World Cup downhill events contested, his best results in this discipline. Coming into the Wengen races, the Swiss's only World Cup victory was an Alpine combined win in Wengen in 2017.
- **Marco Odermatt** finished second behind Dominik Paris in the most recent World Cup downhill event, in Bormio on 28 December. The Swiss can become the first man to claim victories in the giant slalom, super-G and downhill in a single World Cup season since countryman Didier Cuche (2009/10).
- The last Swiss man other than Beat Feuz to win a downhill event in the World Cup was Patrick Küng, who won in Wengen in January 2014.
- **Vincent Kriechmayr** won the Wengen downhill on 19 January 2019. He could join Franz Klammer (3) and Stephan Eberharter (2) as only Austrian men to win this event multiple times in the World Cup.
- **Matthias Mayer** finished respectively 16th and 12th in the last two World Cup downhill events, ending a podium run of seven downhill events in the World Cup.
- Mayer's first of seven downhill victories in the World Cup came on Swiss snow, in Lenzerheide on 12 March 2014.
- **Aleksander Aamodt Kilde** could become the third Norwegian man to win a World Cup downhill in Wengen, after Lasse Kjus (1999) and Aksel Lund Svindal (2016).
- **Bryce Bennett**, winner of the Val Gardena downhill on 18 December, could become the first male skier representing United States to claim multiple wins in this discipline in a single World Cup season since Bode Miller (3 in 2007/08).
- **Johan Clarey** has collected seven World Cup podiums in the downhill, 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.
- Clarey (41 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.

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