

PREVIEW MEN'S DOWNHILL KITZBÜHEL – 21-22 Jan 2022

Beat Feuz

- Last season, Beat Feuz won both World Cup downhill events held in Kitzbühel. Those were the Swiss's first victories on the Streif, following four second places.
- The seven skiers to have won on the Streif more than twice in the World Cup are Didier Cuche (5), Franz Klammer (4), Dominik Paris (3), Franz Heinzer (3), Karl Schranz (3), Luc Alphand (3) and Pirmin Zurbriggen (3).
- Feuz can become the fifth man to achieve three successive World Cup downhill wins in Kitzbühel, after Schranz (1969-1972), Klammer (1975-1977), Heinzer (1991-1992) and Cuche (2010-2012). No skier has ever claimed four wins in a row on the Streif.
- Only Cuche (7) and Peter Wirnsberger (6) have collected as many World Cup downhill podiums on the Streif as Feuz (6). Feuz finished in the top three in each of the last five downhill events held in the Hahnenkammrennen.
- Feuz is level with Cuche and Kristian Ghedina (all 12) in ninth place on the list for most men's downhill wins in the World Cup. Michael Walchhofer and Aksel Lund Svindal (both 14) are in joint-seventh place.
- Feuz has claimed a men's record 44 World Cup podiums in the downhill, at least three more than any other skier (41 by Klammer and Peter Müller).

Dominik Paris

- Dominik Paris, current leader in the downhill standings, has claimed three downhill wins in the Hahnenkammrennen: in 2013, 2017 and 2019. Only Didier Cuche (5) and Franz Klammer (4) achieved more World Cup wins on the Streif.
- Last season, Paris recorded a third and seventh place in the downhill events contested in Kitzbühel. The third place was the Italian's fifth World Cup podium on the Streif.
- Only Cuche (7), Peter Wirnsberger (6) and Beat Feuz (6) collected more World Cup podiums on the Streif than Paris (5).
- The Italian also achieved one super-G win in Kitzbühel (2017) and is one of nine men to have completed the speed double in the Hahnenkammrennen. The only other active skiers to have achieved this are Matthias Mayer and currently injured Kjetil Jansrud.
- Paris only recorded more World Cup success in Bormio (7 wins, 7 podiums) than in Kitzbühel (4 wins, 7 podiums).
- Paris (16) is two shy of equalling Stephan Eberharter (18) in third place on the men's list for most World Cup downhill wins.

Austria

- Austrian skiers have won a record 24 World Cup downhill events in Kitzbühel. Switzerland (18) is the only other country to have recorded more than five wins on the Streif.
- Of the last 15 World Cup downhill events contested on the Streif, only two were won by Austrian skiers: Hannes Reichelt (2014) and Matthias Mayer (2020).
- **Matthias Mayer** is one of nine men to have completed the speed double in Kitzbühel. Apart from his 2020 downhill win, the Austrian won the super-G in 2017. The only other active skiers to have achieved this are Dominik Paris and currently injured Kjetil Jansrud.
- Mayer finished on the podium in each of the last three downhill events held on the Streif: the win in 2020, and a second and third place in the 2021 races.
- **Vincent Kriechmayr** won the super-G in Kitzbühel in 2021 and could become the 10th man to complete the speed double in the Hahnenkammrennen.
- Kriechmayr won the most recent downhill event held in the World Cup, the second race in Wengen on 15 January. The most recent Austrian man to claim successive downhill wins in the World Cup was Reichelt in February-March 2015.
- Kriechmayr can become the first man since Hermann Maier (2001) to win on the Streif as the reigning downhill world champion.

Other contenders

- **Marco Odermatt** (6) and **Aleksander Aamodt Kilde** (5) are the only male skiers to have claimed multiple World Cup wins this season.
- The only Swiss men to have claimed more than six World Cup wins in a single season are Pirmin Zurbriggen (11 in 1986/87) and Paul Accola (7 in 1991/92).
- The five Norwegian male skiers to have achieved more than five event wins in a single World Cup season are Kjetil Jansrud (7 in 2014/15), Aksel Lund Svindal (7 in 2015/16), Kjetil André Aamodt (6 in 1992/93), Lasse Kjus (6 in 1998/99) and Henrik Kristoffersen (6 in 2015/16).
- **Aleksander Aamodt Kilde** hopes to become the fourth Norwegian winner on the Streif, after Åtle Skårdal (1990), Lasse Kjus (1999, 2004) and Kjetil Jansrud (2015).
- **Marco Odermatt** finished second in two of the three most recent World Cup downhill events. 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).
- At least one **Swiss skier** has finished on the podium in each of the last 15 downhill events in the men's World Cup: Beat Feuz, Urs Kryenbühl, 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).

- 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.
- **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).
- USA's only World Cup win on the Streif was achieved by Daron Rahlves on 25 January 2003.
- **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. The Frenchman picked up two of his seven podiums on the Streif: third in 2017 and second in 2021.
- 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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