

PREVIEW MEN'S SLALOM KITZBÜHEL – Sunday 23 Jan 2022

Variety on the podium

- The top-10 in the men's World Cup slalom standings are separated by only 80 points after the opening four slalom events. There have been four different winners and the 12 podium places have been divided by 11 different athletes (only multiple podiums by Kristoffer Jakobsen).
- Last season, the first six slalom events were won by six different skiers. In total, 12 athletes managed to finish in the top three of a men's World Cup slalom event last season.
- Despite this season's variety on the slalom podiums, the last 12 World Cup events in this discipline have been won by skiers representing Austria (5), Norway (4) or France (3). The most recent slalom winner representing a different country was Germany's Linus Straßer in Zagreb on 6 January 2021.

Daniel Yule

- Daniel Yule finished second in the most recent World Cup slalom event, in Wengen on 16 January. It marked his first World Cup podium in almost two years, since a third place in Schladming on 28 January 2020.
- Yule is the last slalom winner of the Hahnenkammrennen, finishing ahead of Marco Schwarz (2nd) and Clément Noël (3rd) on 26 January 2020. That is also the Swiss's most recent World Cup victory.
- Yule is one of two Swiss skiers to have won the Kitzbühel slalom in the World Cup, alongside Dumeng Giovanoli (1968).
- The last man to claim back-to-back slalom wins in Kitzbühel was Jens Byggmark, who won both events held in the 2006/07 season.

Clément Noël

- Clément Noël won on the Ganslernhang in Kitzbühel on 26 January 2019. A year later, he finished in third place in slalom in the Hahnenkammrennen.
- The three Frenchmen to have claimed multiple World Cup slalom wins in Kitzbühel are Jean Noël Augert (3), Jean-Baptiste Grange (2) and Patrick Russel (2).
- Noël (9) is one of three Frenchmen to have won at least nine slalom events in the World Cup, alongside Augert (13) and Russel (9).
- 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.

Other contenders

- **Lucas Braathen** claimed his second World Cup win and his first in the slalom when he won in Wengen on 16 January. The Norwegian qualified for the second run by only 0.06 seconds, finishing 29th in the first run.

- Braathen can become the first man to win back-to-back slalom events in the World Cup since Daniel Yule in January 2020.
- **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.
- **Henrik Kristoffersen** is the only Norwegian to achieve a World Cup win on the Ganslernhang in Kitzbühel, in both 2016 and 2018. Only Ingemar Stenmark (5), Jean Noël Augert (3) and Marc Girardelli (3) won this race more than twice.
- **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 slalom event 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, of which his only win in the combination in Bad Kleinkirchheim.
- **Marco Schwarz**, winner of last season's slalom crystal globe, finished 11th in Adelboden and 10th in Wengen 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 claimed a record 14 World Cup victories on the Ganslernhang. Of the last 16 slalom events held in the Hahnenkammrennen, only two were won by an Austrian skier: Marcel Hirscher in 2013 and 2017.
- **Giuliano Razzoli** finished third in Wengen on 16 January, claiming his first World Cup slalom podium in six years. The most recent Italian man to win a World Cup slalom event was Manfred Mölgg in Zagreb on 5 January 2017.
- At the age of 37 years, Razzoli became the oldest skier to finish on a slalom podium in the World Cup. The record for oldest World Cup slalom winner belongs to Mario Matt, who won in Val d'Isère in 2013 at age 34 years and 250 days.

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