

PREVIEW MEN'S SLALOM GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN – 26-27 Feb 2022

Clément Noël

- Clément Noël won the men's slalom at the Olympic Winter Games in Beijing on 16 February 2022. He became the third Frenchman to win the Olympic title in this event, after Jean-Claude Killy (1968) and Jean-Pierre Vidal (2002).
- The most recent man to win the first World Cup slalom event after winning gold in this event at the Olympic Winter Games was Benjamin Raich in 2006, who won in Shiga-kogen two weeks after winning the Olympic slalom title in Turin.
- This season, Noël won the opening World Cup slalom event in Val d'Isère on 12 December, but failed to reach the podium in the five other World Cup slalom events.
- 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).
- The two Frenchmen to finish on a World Cup slalom podium in Garmisch-Partenkirchen are Patrice Bianchi (first in 1992) and Yves Dimier (third in 1995).

Johannes Strolz

- Johannes Strolz won a record three alpine skiing medals at the Olympic Winter Games in Beijing. He won gold in the Alpine combined and team event, and silver in the slalom.
- Strolz outperformed his father Hubert Strolz at the Winter Games, who claimed combination gold and giant slalom silver at Calgary 1988.
- Earlier this season, Strolz claimed a World Cup slalom win in Adelboden on 9 January. This marks his first and to date only slalom podium in the World Cup.
- Austrian men claimed two World Cup slalom wins in Garmisch-Partenkirchen: Mario Matt in 2007 and Reinfried Herbst in 2008.

Other contenders

- For the second time in the World Cup, the first six men's slalom events have been won by six different skiers. In 2020/21, Marco Schwarz was the first man to claim multiple World Cup slalom wins that season in the seventh slalom event contested.
- Only in 1985/86 (16) and 1998/99 (15) more different athletes reached a slalom podium in the men's World Cup than in current season (14).
- **Lucas Braathen** (257 points) and **Sebastian Foss Solevåg** (220) are the only men to have reached 200 points in slalom events this World Cup season. They could join Kjetil André Aamodt (1999/2000) and Henrik Kristoffersen (2015/16, 2019/20) as Norwegian winners of the men's slalom crystal globe.

- This season, Braathen claimed his first World Cup slalom podiums: first in Wengen on 16 January and second in Kitzbühel on 22 January.
- Solevåg claimed the bronze medal in the men's slalom at the Olympic Winter Games in Beijing on 16 February 2022. His two World Cup wins in the slalom came in Flachau on 17 January 2021 and in Madonna di Campiglio on 22 December 2021.
- **Henrik Kristoffersen** finished fourth in the Olympic slalom event in Beijing, nine hundredths of a second behind Solevåg. Kristoffersen has won 19 World Cup slalom events, most recently in Chamonix on 31 January 2021.
- The only Norwegian man to finish on a World Cup slalom podium in Garmisch-Partenkirchen is Kjetil André Aamodt, who finished second in 1993.
- **Linus Straßer** won the most recent slalom event held in the World Cup, in Schladming on 25 January. The most recent man to win back-to-back World Cup slalom events was Daniel Yule in January 2020.
- The last German man to record successive slalom wins in the World Cup was Armin Bittner in January 1990 (while representing West Germany).
- Straßer could become the third German man to win a World Cup slalom event on German snow (all including East and West Germany), after father and son Christian Neureuther (1974) and Felix Neureuther (2010) in their home town Garmisch-Partenkirchen.
- **Kristoffer 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.
- **Italian men** have won the slalom in Garmisch-Partenkirchen a record six times in the World Cup. They also collected a record 14 World Cup slalom podiums at the German venue. Italy only claimed more men's World Cup slalom wins in Madonna di Campiglio (9).
- Italy's most recent slalom win in the men's World Cup was achieved by Manfred Mölgg in Zagreb on 5 January 2017.

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