

PREVIEW MEN'S DOWNHILL KVITFJELL – Saturday 17 February 2024

Marco Odermatt

- With just two World Cup downhill events to go (in Kvitfjell and the World Cup Season Final in Saalbach), Marco Odermatt (516) and Cyprien Sarrazin (510) are separated by only six points in this season's World Cup downhill standings.
- Odermatt (1506) leads second place Sarrazin (684) by 822 points in the overall World Cup standings. There are a maximum of 1100 points left to win after the events in Kvitfjell.
- Odermatt (34) and Alexis Pinturault (34) are tied in ninth place in the list of most World Cup victories among men. Benjamin Raich (36) and Aksel Lund Svindal (36) share the seventh spot.
- Odermatt finished on the podium in 16 out of 18 World Cup events he participated in this season (10 wins, 3 second places, 3 third places). The exceptions are a seventh place in the Val Gardena downhill (7 December) and a fourth place in the Garmisch-Partenkirchen super-G (27 January).
- Odermatt finished on the podium in 22 individual World Cup events last season (including 13 wins), equalling Hermann Maier's record on the men's side (22 in 1999/2000).
- Odermatt failed to finish in the top 10 in each of his six World Cup starts in Kvitfjell. His best result here is a 13th place in the downhill on 5 March 2022.

Cyprien Sarrazin

- Cyprien Sarrazin won both World Cup downhill events on the Streif in January. The next two World Cup downhill events were supposed to take place in Sarrazin's home country, both the two races in Chamonix (2-3 February) had to be cancelled due to a lack of snow and a too-warm forecast.
- Sarrazin can become the first male skier to win three consecutive World Cup downhill events since Dominik Paris won three in a row in January-March 2019 (including a win in Kvitfjell).
- Jean-Claude Killy and Luc Alphand are the only two French male skiers to have won as many as three successive World Cup downhill events, with Killy winning the first-ever five in 1967 and Alphand securing three victories in a row in 1995.
- Sarrazin can become the first Frenchman to win more than three downhill World Cup events in a single season, after Killy in 1966/67 (five) and Alphand in 1996/97 (four).
- Sarrazin finished on the podium in his last five World Cup downhill starts (1st, 2nd, 2nd, 1st, 1st). He had failed to finish on the podium of a World Cup downhill event prior to this streak.

Other contenders

- The men's World Cup returns to Kvitfjell for the first time since March 2022. In the previous visit, there were two downhill events. Cameron Alexander and Niels Hintermann shared the win in the first event on 4 March, while Dominik Paris emerged victorious in the second event on 5 March. Hintermann also shared a podium spot in the second downhill event (tied for third place with Beat Feuz).
- **Dominik Paris** (2016, 2019, 2022) holds the record for most World Cup downhill wins in Kvitfjell. He can become the first man to win successive Kvitfjell downhill events since Daron Rahlves won twice here in March 2000.
- **Niels Hintermann** and **Cameron Alexander** both have failed to win any World Cup event since they shared first place in Kvitfjell on 4 March 2022.
- **Vincent Kriechmayr** recorded World Cup downhill podium finishes in each of the previous six seasons (2017/18 to 2022/23), but is yet to achieve one in the current season. His best results are fifth places in Bormio and Wengen.
- **Florian Schieder** recorded two podium finishes in the World Cup, both being second places in downhill events on the Streif (2023, 2024).

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