

PREVIEW MEN'S DOWNHILL KVITFJELL – 4-5 Mar 2022

Beat Feuz

- Beat Feuz won the men's downhill at the Olympic Winter Games in Beijing. The Swiss became the fourth man to complete the downhill set of an Olympic title, world title, crystal globe and a win on the Streif in Kitzbühel, after Jean-Claude Killy, Pirmin Zurbriggen and Franz Klammer.
- The most recent Olympic downhill champion to win the first World Cup downhill event held after the Winter Games was Bill Johnson, who won in Aspen following his Olympic victory at Sarajevo 1984.
- Feuz, second in this season's World Cup downhill standings, is eyeing his fifth successive downhill crystal globe. The only other man to collect five downhill globes is Franz Klammer.
- Feuz won the most recent downhill event held in the World Cup, in Kitzbühel on 23 January. The last man to record successive World Cup downhill wins was Feuz himself, when he won both races in Kitzbühel on 22 and 24 January 2021.
- Feuz (13) is only shy of equalling Michael Walchhofer and Aksel Lund Svindal (both 14) in seventh place on the list for most men's downhill wins in the World Cup. Franz Heinzer and Hermann Maier (both 15) are joint fifth.
- Feuz is one of two Swiss male skiers to have won a World Cup downhill event in Kvitfjell, as he triumphed there on 11 March 2011. Didier Cuche won the Kvitfjell downhill in 2007 and 2010.

Aleksander Aamodt Kilde

- Aleksander Aamodt Kilde comes into the Kvitfjell races as the leader in the downhill standings. He could become the fourth Norwegian man to win the downhill crystal globe, after Lasse Kjus (1998/99), Aksel Lund Svindal (2012/13, 2013/14) and Kjetil Jansrud (2014/15)
- Kilde won the super-G crystal globe in 2015/16. He can become the ninth man to win the crystal globe in both speed events. The only active skier to have achieved this is Jansrud, who is retiring after the Kvitfjell races.
- Kilde (3) is the only man to record multiple World Cup downhill wins this season. The Norwegian won in Beaver Creek, Wengen and Kitzbühel. The most recent man to win more than three World Cup downhill wins in a season was Dominik Paris (4 in 2018/19), and the last to win more than four was Stephan Eberharter (6 in 2002/03).
- Kilde claimed six World Cup wins in total this season, one shy of the Norwegian record for most by Jansrud (7 in 2014/15) and Svindal (7 in 2015/16).
- The two Norwegian men to claim a World Cup downhill victory on home snow in Kvitfjell are Kjus (1996, 1997) and Jansrud (2014, 2017).

Kjetil Jansrud

- The two downhill races in Kvitfjell will be the last of Kjetil Jansrud's professional alpine skiing career.
- The Norwegian claimed five Olympic medals (including super-G gold in 2014), three world championships medals (including 2019 downhill world title), four crystal globes (one in downhill, three in super-G) and 23 World Cup event wins.
- Of those 23 World Cup wins, Jansrud achieved seven in Kvitfjell, at least two more than any other alpine skier. The Norwegian recorded his first three career World Cup wins in Kvitfjell: the super-G on 4 March 2012, the downhill on 28 February 2014 and the super-G on 2 March 2014.
- Only three male alpine skiers claimed more than seven World Cup victories at a single venue: Marcel Hirscher (9 at Adelboden, 8 at Alta Badia), Aksel Lund Svindal (8 at Lake Louise) and Ingemar Stenmark (8 at Madonna di Campiglio).
- Jansrud picked up 13 World Cup wins in the super-G (third on the all-time men's list), eight in the downhill, one in the Alpine combined and one in the parallel giant slalom.

Other contenders

- Coming into Kvitfjell, **Marco Odermatt** was still in the race for four different crystal globes. The Swiss was ranked first in the overall and giant slalom, second in the super-G and fourth in the downhill. The last man to win four crystal globes in a single season was Hermann Maier (2000/01).
- Odermatt (6) can become the third Swiss man to claim more than six World Cup event wins in a single season, after Pirmin Zurbriggen (11 in 1986/87) and Paul Accola (7 in 1991/92).
- Odermatt can become the first man to record World Cup wins in the giant slalom, super-G and downhill in a single season since Didier Cuche (2009/10).
- **Matthias Mayer**, ranked third in the downhill standings, is hoping to become the first Austrian winner of the men's downhill crystal globe since Klaus Kröll (2011/12). At the Beijing Winter Games, Mayer won gold in the super-G and took bronze in the downhill.
- Mayer won the most recent World Cup downhill event held in Kvitfjell, on 7 March 2020. The most recent man to achieve back-to-back World Cup wins in the Kvitfjell downhill was Daron Rahlves, who won both races held in March 2000.
- **Dominik Paris** (16) is two shy of equalling Stephan Eberharter (18) in third place on the men's list for most World Cup downhill wins.
- Paris can become the first man to win the Kvitfjell downhill more than twice in the World Cup. The Italian previously won this specific event in 2016 and 2019.
- **Johan Clarey** took silver in the men's downhill at the Winter Games in Beijing, becoming the oldest ever Olympic medallist in alpine skiing at age 41.



- Clarey has collected eight World Cup podiums in the downhill, but failed to win one. Only Heinrich Messner (10) and Mario Scheiber (8) have claimed as many 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.
- **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).

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