

PREVIEW MEN'S SLALOM FLACHAU - Wednesday 9 Mar 2022

Henrik Kristoffersen

- Henrik Kristoffersen won both slalom events contested in Garmisch-Partenkirchen at the end of February. He became the seventh different winner of a men's World Cup slalom this season, and the first to claim multiple wins.
- With two more slalom events on this season's World Cup schedule, Kristoffersen (356) is leading the race for the crystal globe. After winning this standings in 2015/16 and 2019/20, Kristoffersen could become the seventh man to win the slalom crystal globe more than twice.
- Kristoffersen could become the first man to claim three successive World Cup slalom wins since Marcel Hirscher, who won four in a row in 2018. The Norwegian himself achieved this once before, when he won four consecutive slaloms in the World Cup in January 2016.
- Only Ingemar Stenmark (9) and Alberto Tomba (8) claimed more men's World Cup slalom victories in Austria than Kristoffersen (6).

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).
- In the World Cup this season, Noël won the opening slalom event in Val d'Isère on 12 December, but failed to reach the podium in the seven other World Cup slalom events. The Frenchman failed to post a result in four slalom races: one disqualification (missed a gate) and three times 'did not finish'.
- 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).

Manuel Feller

- Manuel Feller claimed two World Cup slalom victories, of which his first in Flachau on 16 January 2021. The Austrian also won in Lenzerheide on 21 March 2021.
- Feller could join Ivica Kostelic (2) as the only men to record multiple World Cup slalom wins in Flachau.
- Feller finished on three World Cup slalom podiums this season, second in Adelboden (9 January), third in Schladming (25 January) and third in Garmisch-Partenkirchen (26 February). He is one of three men to reach more than two World Cup slalom podiums this season, alongside Henrik Kristoffersen (3) and Linus Straßer (3).

Other contenders

- This season, the eight men's World Cup slalom events have been won by seven different skiers (2 wins by Henrik Kristoffersen). Only in 1985/86 (9) and 1999/2000 (9) there were more different men's slalom winners in the World Cup.
- The men's slalom podiums this World Cup season have been occupied by 15 different skiers, one shy of the record set in 1985/86 (16).
- **Lucas Braathen** (307) is second in this season's World Cup slalom standings. He could join Kjetil André Aamodt (1999/2000) and Henrik Kristoffersen (2015/16, 2019/20) as Norwegian winners of the men's slalom crystal globe.
- Braathen (21 years and 335 days on 20 March 2022) could become the third-youngest Norwegian winner of a crystal globe, after Aamodt (21y-207d) - giant slalom and super-G globes in 1993 - and Kristoffersen (21y-262d) - slalom globe in 2016.
- This season, Braathen claimed his first World Cup slalom podiums: he won in Wengen on 16 January and finished second in Kitzbühel on 22 January.
- **Linus Straßer** is currently ranked third in the race for this season's slalom crystal globe. The only German men to win a World Cup standings are Markus Wasmeier (1986 super-G) and Armin Bittner (1989 and 1990 slalom), both while representing West Germany.
- Straßer won the most recent World Cup slalom held on Austrian snow, in Schladming on 25 January 2022. It was the German's second World Cup slalom victory, after finishing first in Zagreb on 6 January 2021.
- **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.
- 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.
- **Sebastian Foss Solevåg** won two slalom events in the World Cup, in Flachau on 17 January 2021 and in Madonna di Campiglio on 22 December 2021. The Norwegian also won the 2021 slalom world title and picked up Olympic bronze in Beijing.
- Solevåg could join Ivica Kostelic (2) as the only men to record multiple World Cup slalom wins in Flachau.
- **Dave Ryding**, fourth in the slalom standings, could become the first alpine skier representing Great Britain to finish in the top-three of a World Cup standings. His slalom win in Kitzbühel earlier this season marked the first World Cup win by a British alpine skier.

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