

PREVIEW MEN'S GIANT SLALOM COURCHEVEL – Saturday 19 Mar 2022

Marco Odermatt

- Marco Odermatt secured the giant slalom crystal globe in Kranjska Gora last weekend, the first Swiss man to do so since Didier Cuche (2008/09).
- Odermatt officially claimed the overall globe in Courchevel on Wednesday. He became the fifth Swiss man to win the overall, after Peter Lüscher (1978/79), Pirmin Zurbriggen (1983/84, 1986/87, 1987/88, 1989/90), Paul Accola (1991/92) and Carlo Janka (2009/10).
- Odermatt finished on the podium in all seven World Cup giant slalom events this season: four wins, twice a second-place finish, and one third place. The Swiss also picked up Olympic gold in this discipline.
- The last man to claim a podium finish in all World Cup giant slalom events contested in a single season was Marcel Hirscher in 2017/18 (7 races, 7 podiums).
- In 2017/18, Hirscher (6) also was the last man to collect more than four World Cup giant slalom victories in a season. The only Swiss man to achieve more than four wins in a season was Michael von Grünigen (6 in 1995/96).
- The last Swiss man to win the giant slalom at the World Cup Finals was Carlo Janka in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in 2010.

Henrik Kristoffersen

- Henrik Kristoffersen (3) is the only other man apart from than Marco Odermatt (4) to win a World Cup giant slalom event this season. The Norwegian won in Alta Badia on 19 December and both races in Kranjska Gora last weekend.
- In only three previous World Cup seasons the giant slalom victories were divided by at most two men: Jean-Claude Killy (4) and Georges Mauduit (1) in 1966/67, Ingemar Stenmark (all 10) in 1978/79, and Marcel Hirscher (6) and Alexis Pinturault (1) in 2017/18.
- Kristoffersen has equalled the Norwegian record for most World Cup giant slalom wins in a single season: three by Kjetil André Aamodt in 1992/93.
- Kristoffersen can become the first Norwegian man to win three successive giant slalom events in the World Cup.
- Kristoffersen's first of seven World Cup giant slalom wins came in Méribel, at the World Cup Finals in 2015.

Other contenders

- **Alexis Pinturault** has yet to claim a World Cup victory this season (NOTE: prior to result in super-G on 17 March). The Frenchman picked up at least one World Cup win in each of the previous 10 seasons. The only male skier to win a World Cup event in 11 successive seasons is Alberto Tomba from 1987/88 to 1997/98.
- Pinturault won the last two giant slalom events contested at the World Cup Finals, in Soldeu in 2019 and in Lenzerheide in 2021.
- Pinturault claimed two World Cup giant slalom victories on French snow, in Val d'Isère in 2016 and 2017. Only Jean-Claude Killy (2) has also collected multiple World Cup wins in this discipline on home snow in France, including in Méribel in 1968.
- **Austrian skiers** finished on five World Cup giant slalom podiums this season, but failed to win one - Manuel Feller (3), Roland Leitinger (1) and Stefan Brennsteiner (1).
- The most recent Austrian man to win a World Cup giant slalom event was Marcel Hirscher in Adelboden on 12 January 2019.
- **Žan Kranjec** (silver) and **Mathieu Faivre** (bronze) finished on the podium in the giant slalom at the Olympic Winter Games in Beijing.
- Kranjec recorded two World Cup victories, in the giant slalom in Saalbach-Hinterglemm (2018) and in Adelboden (2020). He could equal Jure Kosir on a record three World Cup wins among male alpine skiers representing Slovenia.
- Faivre's three world level victories in the giant slalom came in the World Cups in Val d'Isère (2016) and Bansko (2021), and at the 2021 World Championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo.
- **Luca De Aliprandini** can become the first Italian man to win a giant slalom in the World Cup since Massimiliano Blardone in Crans-Montana on 26 February 2012.

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