

PREVIEW MEN'S DOWNHILL BEAVER CREEK – 2-3 Dec 2022

Aleksander Aamodt Kilde

- Aleksander Aamodt Kilde won the first men's World Cup downhill event this season, in Lake Louise on 26 November.
- In the past 17 World Cup seasons, only Kilde's compatriots Kjetil Jansrud (2014/15) and Aksel Lund Svindal (2015/16, first 3) won the first two men's downhill events of the season.
- Kilde (7) is one short of equalling Jansrud (8) for third-most World Cup downhill wins among Norwegian men, only behind Svindal (14) and Lasse Kjus (10).
- Kilde won the downhill in Beaver Creek last season. He can become the third man in a row to record back-to-back World Cup downhill wins in Beaver Creek, after Svindal (2015, 2017) and Beat Feuz (2018, 2019).

Beat Feuz

- Beat Feuz (13) is one shy of equalling Michael Walchhofer and Aksel Lund Svindal (both 14) in joint-seventh place on the men's list for most World Cup downhill wins.
- Feuz (6) is one short of equalling Svindal (7) for most men's World Cup downhill podium finishes in Beaver Creek. Feuz won the downhill in Beaver Creek in 2018 and 2019. Last season, he finished third.
- Swiss men won five World Cup downhill events in Beaver Creek, one short of equalling Norway (6) and Austria (6) for most.

Other contenders

- **Dominik Paris** (17) is one shy of equalling Stephan Eberharter (18) in third place on the men's list for most World Cup downhill wins. Franz Klammer (25) and Peter Müller (19) are in first and second place.
- Paris has participated in 10 World Cup downhill events in Beaver Creek, but never finished on the podium. His best result at this venue was a fourth place on 5 December 2014.
- **Marco Odermatt** finished on the podium in the last two men's World Cup downhill events. Odermatt has yet to win a World Cup downhill event (4 second places, 1 third place).
- **Daniel Hemetsberger** finished second in the downhill season opener in Lake Louise. Hemetsberger (31 years old) can become the oldest first-time winner of a men's World Cup downhill since Georg Streitberger (32) on 28 February 2014 in Kvifjell.
- **Matthias Mayer** has won seven World Cup downhill events. His most recent win came in Lake Louise, in the first World Cup downhill event last season.



- **Johan Clarey**, silver medallist in this event at the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games, 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 old, 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.
- Bode Miller in 2011 is the last USA athlete to win the men's downhill in Beaver Creek. Steven Nyman (third in 2014) was the last man representing United States to finish on the podium in Beaver Creek downhill.

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