

## PREVIEW MEN'S SLALOM CHAMONIX – Saturday 8 Feb 2020

### Henrik Kristoffersen

- Henrik Kristoffersen won the most recent slalom in the World Cup, in Schladming on 28 January.
- Kristoffersen could win successive World Cup slalom events for the first time since January 2017, when he won in Adelboden and Wengen.
- Kristoffersen has won 17 World Cup slalom events, fourth-most on the all-time men's list. Marcel Hirscher is in third place on 32 wins.
- Kristoffersen is the only man to win a World Cup slalom event in each of the last seven calendar years (2014-2020).
- Kristoffersen has won 21 World Cup events in all disciplines, equal to Kjetil André Aamodt (21) in third place all time among Norwegian alpine skiers. Only Aksel Lund Svindal (36) and Kjetil Jansrud (23) have won more.
- Kristoffersen has won two World Cup slalom events in France, both in Val d'Isère. He could now join Ingemar Stenmark and Marcel Hirscher (both 3) on most World Cup slalom wins on French snow.

### Daniel Yule

- Daniel Yule has won three World Cup events this season, all in slalom events in January 2020. The last Swiss men to win four World Cup events in a season were Beat Feuz (4) and Didier Cuche (4) in 2011/12.
- Swiss men have already won six World Cup events this season, most for the country since 10 in 2011/12.
- Yule has won a record four World Cup slalom events among Swiss men.

### Clément Noël

- Clément Noël has won five slalom World Cup events in his career, most recently in Wengen on 19 January.
- Noël (5) can become the fourth Frenchman to win at least six men's World Cup slalom events, after Jean Noël Augert (13), Patrick Russel (9) and Jean-Baptiste Grange (8).
- Noël could become the seventh French skier to win a slalom World Cup event on home snow. He has competed in three World Cup slalom events in France, all in Val d'Isère: DNF (2016), 20th (2018), DNF (2019).
- The last Frenchman to win a slalom World Cup event on home snow was Alexis Pinturault on 15 December 2019 in Val d'Isère.

### Other contenders

- **Alexis Pinturault** has won three World Cup slalom races, in Val d'Isère in 2012, in Wengen in 2014 and in Val d'Isère again last December.
- Pinturault could join Ingemar Stenmark and Marcel Hirscher (both 3) on most World Cup slalom wins on French snow.
- **Marco Schwarz** set the best time in the first run in the Schladming slalom,

but was disqualified in the second run. The Austrian claimed five podium finishes in World Cup slalom events, but has yet to win his first World Cup in this discipline.

- **Austria** have won at least one men's World Cup slalom event in each of the previous 27 seasons. They failed to win a slalom World Cup in 1991/92.
- Michael Matt (1) and his older brother Mario Matt (3) are the only Austrian skiers other than Marcel Hirscher to have won a men's World Cup slalom event since the start of 2010/11.
- The only Austrian skier to win the Chamonix slalom in the World Cup was Thomas Sykora in 1997.
- **Lucas Braathen** set the best time in the first run in the Kitzbühel slalom from bib 34. The 19-year old finished in fourth place in Kitzbühel after the second run, his best result in the World Cup so far.
- The last teenager to finish on a men's World Cup podium was Henrik Kristoffersen (19) who finished third in the Kranjska Gora slalom on 9 March 2014.
- **André Myhrer** broke his own record for oldest man to claim a World Cup slalom podium when he finished second in Val d'Isère on 15 December 2019 at the age of 36 years and 338 days.
- Myhrer has won seven World Cup slalom races, but not since Aspen on 19 March 2017.
- Myhrer (37 years, 28 days on 8 February) can become the oldest man to win a World Cup slalom event. This record now belongs to Mario Matt, who won in Val d'Isère on 15 December 2013 at the age of 34 years and 250 days.
- **Dave Ryding** can become the first alpine skier from Great Britain, male or female, to win a World Cup race.
- Ryding's only top-three finish in a World Cup slalom race was a second place in Kitzbühel on 22 January 2017. No other British male alpine skier claimed a podium place in this discipline.
- **Italian** skiers won five of the eight World Cup slalom events held in Chamonix, including each of the last three.

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