

## Preview Men's Alpine Skiing - 2018/2019 World Cup Season

### Hirscher aiming to extend record run

- Marcel Hirscher has won the men's overall crystal globe in each of the last seven World Cup seasons (2012-2018). His seven overall titles are already a record among men and women.
- Only Lindsey Vonn (8 in downhill) and Ingemar Stenmark (8 in both slalom and giant slalom) have won a specific crystal globe eight times.
- The last man to win the overall classification before Hirscher's current reign was Ivica Kostelic (CRO) in 2011.
- In total, Hirscher has won 17 crystal globes. Only Vonn (20), who will participate in her final World Cup season, and Stenmark (19) have won more titles among men and women.
- Hirscher has won the slalom and giant slalom crystal globe five times each. In both disciplines, Stenmark (8 in both) is the only man to win more crystal globes.
- Hirscher has won a total of 58 World Cup races. Only Stenmark (86), Vonn (82) and Annemarie Moser-Pröll (62) have won more races among men and women.
- Last season, Hirscher won 13 World Cup races, one short of the all-time record for most victories in a single World Cup season. Vreni Schneider claimed 14 World Cup race victories in 1988/89.
- Hirscher has won 28 giant slalom races, only trailing Stenmark (46) for most among men.
- Only Stenmark (40) and Alberto Tomba (35) have won more men's slalom races than Hirscher (27).

### Kristoffersen hoping to end Hirscher's reign

- Henrik Kristoffersen finished in second place in the slalom, giant slalom and overall World Cup classifications last season, all behind Marcel Hirscher.
- In total, Kristoffersen has finished on the podium in a specific World Cup classification on nine occasions, but he won only one crystal globe: the slalom classification in 2015/16.
- Kristoffersen has finished on the podium of the overall World Cup standings three times without ever winning. Only Didier Cuche (6) has finished on the podium of the men's overall classification more often without ever winning the title.
- Last season, Kristoffersen finished on the podium of a World Cup race on 15 occasions, second-most among men behind Marcel Hirscher (16). Kristoffersen came second 11 times, a record for most second places by any skier (men/women) in a single World Cup season.
- Kristoffersen (15) has won fifth-most men's World Cup slalom races, trailing Ingemar Stenmark (40), Alberto Tomba (35), Hirscher (27) and Marc Girardelli (16).

## Jansrud eyeing more super-G success

- Kjetil Jansrud has won the men's super-G crystal globe in each of the last two seasons.
- He could become the fourth skier to win the men's super-G classification three seasons in a row, after Pirmin Zurbriggen (4 in a row, 1987-1990), Hermann Maier (4, 1998-2001) and Aksel Lund Svindal (3, 2012-2014).
- Jansrud (3, also 2015) could join Svindal (5), Maier (5) and Zurbriggen (4) as the only male skiers to have won the super-G crystal globe at least four times.
- Norwegian skiers have won the men's super-G crystal globe in each of the last seven seasons (Jansrud 3, Svindal 3, Aleksander Aamodt Kilde 1). Norway can become the first country to win the title in this discipline eight seasons in a row. Austrian skiers won the crystal globe in seven successive seasons from 1998 to 2004.
- Jansrud (48) is two short of becoming the fourth Norwegian skier on 50 World Cup race podium finishes in all disciplines, after Svindal (77), Aamodt (64) and Lasse Kjus (60).

## Other contenders

- It is still unsure if **Aksel Lund Svindal** will participate in another World Cup season. Svindal has won 35 World Cup races and claimed a total of 77 podium places, both records among Norwegian skiers.
- Svindal will turn 36 years on 26 December 2018. Only Didier Cuche (7), Hannes Reichelt (2), Didier Defago (1) and Marco Büchel (1) have won World Cup races after turning 36.
- Cuche is the only skier to win a crystal globe after turning 36 years old. He won the downhill and super-G in 2010/11 at age 36.
- **Peter Fill** won a crystal globe in each of the last three seasons: the downhill in 2016 and 2017 and the alpine combined in 2018. Fill will turn 36 on 12 November 2018.
- **Beat Feuz** could become the first Swiss skier to win the men's downhill crystal globe in consecutive World Cup seasons since Cuche in 2010-2011.

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