

PREVIEW Men DOWNHILL – Saturday 24 Nov 2018

Feuz eyeing sixth successive downhill podium

- Last season, Beat Feuz won the downhill standings in the World Cup, his first career crystal globe.
- Feuz was the only man to win three downhill races in last World Cup season. He won in Lake Louise, Wengen and Garmisch-Partenkirchen.
- Feuz has finished on the podium in each of the last five downhill races in the World Cup. He can become the first man to reach six successive podiums in this event since Stephan Eberharter (8 in a row) from January to March 2004.
- Feuz can become the second man to win back-to-back World Cup downhill races in Lake Louise, after Eberharter (2001, 2003).
- Eberharter, Didier Cuche, Michael Walchhofer and Aksel Lund Svindal have all won a record two men's World Cup downhill races in Lake Louise.
- Feuz has only won multiple World Cup downhill races in Wengen (2012, 2018).

Svindal returns to favourite ski resort

- Aksel Lund Svindal finished second in the downhill standings last World Cup season. He won the downhill races in Beaver Creek and in Val Gardena.
- Svindal won the Olympic title in the men's downhill in PyeongChang, ahead of Kjetil Jansrud (silver) and Beat Feuz (bronze).
- Svindal has won 11 crystal globes in his career, but not since winning the super-G and downhill standings in 2014.
- Svindal has won 14 downhill races in the World Cup, one shy of equalling Franz Heinzer (15) and Hermann Maier (15) in fourth place all-time among men.
- Svindal has finished on the podium in eight of his last 11 downhill appearances in the World Cup. The exceptions are two fourth places and an eighth place.
- Svindal has won 35 World Cup races in all events, one shy of equalling Benjamin Raich (36) in seventh place all-time among men.
- Eight of his World Cup victories have come in Lake Louise, a record among men. Hermann Maier follows on four wins in the Canadian ski resort.
- The eight wins in Lake Louise are also at least two more than Svindal managed in any other ski resort: six in Beaver Creek and six in Val Gardena.
- Svindal can become the first man to win three World Cup downhill races in Lake Louise. He now shares the record of two with Stephan Eberharter, Didier Cuche and Michael Walchhofer.
- Svindal won his first World Cup race in any event in Lake Louise when he won the super-G in 2005.

Mayer and Kriechmayr looking for successive wins

- Austria has won 23 crystal globes in the downhill, a record number by one nation in a single event (incl. overall).

- Austria has not won the downhill crystal globe since Klaus Kröll won it in 2012.
- Matthias Mayer and Vincent Kriechmayr shared the win in the last downhill race held in the World Cup, in Åre.
- The last Austrian man to win back-to-back World Cup races in the downhill was Hannes Reichelt in February to March 2015 (Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Kvitfjell).
- Aksel Lund Svindal was in 2012 the last man to win the first World Cup downhill race of the season after winning the last of the previous season.
- Last year, Mayer finished second behind Beat Feuz in the downhill in Lake Louise. Michael Walchhofer was the last Austrian man to win the downhill in Lake Louise, in 2010.

Other contenders

- **Kjetil Jansrud** failed to win a World Cup downhill race last season. He had won at least one every season from 2013/14 to 2016/17.
- Jansrud previously won the downhill crystal globe in 2015 and finished second behind Peter Fill in 2017.
- Jansrud has won eight downhill races in the World Cup, third-most among Norwegian men behind Aksel Lund Svindal (12) and Lasse Kjus (10).
- In all events, Jansrud has claimed 21 wins in the World Cup, equal to Kjetil André Aamodt (21) and only trailing Svindal (35) among Norwegian men.
- **Thomas Dressen** (2) was one of three men to win multiple World Cup races in the downhill last season, alongside Beat Feuz (3) and Svindal (2).
- Dressen could become the first German skier to win three downhill events in the World Cup. Sepp Ferstl and Markus Wasmeier both won two in this event.
- The only German skier to finish on the podium in a World Cup race in Lake Louise was Wasmeier when he won the super-G in 1991.
- **Erik Guay** has claimed a record 25 World Cup podium finished among Canadian alpine skiers. He won his first of his World Cup podiums in Lake Louise, a second place in the downhill on 29 November 2003.
- Guay has won five World Cup races, only trailing Steve Podborski (8) among Canadian men. Kevin Read has also claimed five victories for Canada.
- The only man representing Canada to win a World Cup downhill race in Lake Louise is Jan Hudec (2007).
- Erik Guay announced that this will be his last season on the World Cup.
- **Hannes Reichelt** will be 38 years and 142 days old on the day of the race. The oldest man to claim a downhill podium in the World Cup is Marco Büchel who finished third in Wengen in 2010 at 38 years and 73 days.
- The oldest man to win a World Cup downhill race is Didier Cuche who was 37 years and 165 days old when he won in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in 2012.

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