

PREVIEW Men's GIANT SLALOM – Sunday 2 Dec 2018

Hirscher closing in on Stenmark's records

- Marcel Hirscher has won the giant slalom crystal globe five times, which equals Ted Ligety for second-most among men. Ingemar Stenmark holds the men's record of eight.
- Hirscher can become the second man to win the giant slalom globe in at least five successive seasons, after Stenmark who achieved this seven seasons in a row from 1974/75 to 1980/81.
- Hirscher has won a total of 59 World Cup races. Only Stenmark (86), Lindsey Vonn (82) and Annemarie Moser-Pröll (62) have won more among men and women.
- Hirscher has won 28 World Cup races in the giant slalom, only trailing Stenmark's record of 46 in this event.
- Hirscher has won nine of the last 10 giant slalom races in the World Cup. Alexis Pinturault won the other race in this run, in Val d'Isère in December 2017.
- Hirscher can become the second man to win six successive World Cup giant slalom races, after Stenmark's run of 14 from 1978 to 1980.
- Hirscher has finished on the podium in the last 15 giant slalom races in the World Cup, the second longest such streak after Stenmark's run of 22 from 1977 to 1980.
- Only Ted Ligety (5) and Hirscher (3) have won multiple men's World Cup giant slalom events in Beaver Creek.
- Hirscher and Ligety have both claimed a record eight giant slalom podiums in Beaver Creek. Only two men have recorded more giant slalom podiums at a single ski resort: Hirscher himself in Kranjska Gora (9) and Stenmark in Adelboden (9).

Kristoffersen desperate for victory

- Henrik Kristoffersen finished in second place in the slalom, giant slalom and overall World Cup classifications last season, all behind Marcel Hirscher.
- He also took silver behind Hirscher in the giant slalom at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games.
- Kristoffersen has reached the podium in a World Cup giant slalom race on 13 occasions, but has won only once, in Méribel in March 2015.
- Kristoffersen has won 16 World Cup races in all disciplines, but only one in last season, the slalom in Kitzbühel.
- Kristoffersen has only claimed more World Cup giant slalom podiums in Kranjska Gora (3) than in Beaver Creek (2).

Pinturault hoping to take final step

- Alexis Pinturault finished on the podium in the giant slalom standings in each of the last six seasons, but is still lacking the crystal globe in this event.
- He finished third in 2012/13, 2013/14, 2016/17 and 2017/18, and second in 2014/15 and 2015/16.
- This is the record for most top-3 finishes in the giant slalom standings without winning a crystal globe.
- Pinturault is the only skier besides Marcel Hirscher to win a men's giant slalom in the World Cup last season (Val d'Isère). He has won 10 World Cup races in this discipline in total.
- Pinturault (10) needs one more victory to equal Gustav Thöni (11) in eighth place among men with most giant slalom wins in the World Cup.
- Pinturault has won 21 World Cup races in total and needs one more to equal the French record held by Carole Merle (22). His 46 podium finishes in all World Cup races combined are already a French record.

Other contenders

- Of the last 51 men's giant slalom World Cup races, only four were not won by Marcel Hirscher (23 wins), Ted Ligety (14) or Alexis Pinturault (10).
- Felix Neureuther won in Adelboden (January 2014), Henrik Kristoffersen in Méribel (March 2015), Thomas Fanara in St. Moritz (March 2016) and Mathieu Faivre in Val d'Isère (December 2016).
- The only man other than Hirscher (7), Kristoffersen (5) and Pinturault (3) that reached multiple giant slalom podiums in the World Cup last season was **Stefan Luitz** (2).
- Luitz has six podium finishes in total in the World Cup (all giant slalom), but has yet to win his first race.
- **Neureuther** is one of two Germans to win a World Cup giant slalom race. Max Rieger won in Mont Sainte Anne in 1973.
- Neureuther has won 13 World Cup races in total, most of all German men. He needs one more victory to equal Martina Ertl-Renz (14) in fifth place all-time among Germans (men and women).
- **Ligety** has won 25 World Cup races in total, including 24 in the giant slalom. He needs two more victories to equal Phil Mahre (27) in second place among US men behind only Bode Miller (33).
- Ligety has won the giant slalom in Beaver Creek a record five times. The only man to win at least six World Cup races in this event at a single ski resort is Ligety himself: six in Kranjska Gora.
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