

PREVIEW Men's GIANT SLALOM – Saturday 8 Dec 2018

Hirscher closing in on Stenmark's records

- Marcel Hirscher finished second in the giant slalom in Beaver Creek last weekend, after winning the five previous giant slalom World Cup races.
- Hirscher has finished on the podium in each of the last 16 giant slalom World Cup races since a fifth place in St. Moritz on 19 March 2016.
- The 16 podiums in a row are the second such streak after Ingemar Stenmark's run of 22 from 1977 to 1980.
- 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 a shared record four giant slalom wins in Val d'Isère along with Michael von Grünigen.
- His seven podium finishes in Val d'Isère (four wins, two second places, one third place) are most among all skiers in giant slalom races in the French ski resort.
- Including all disciplines, no male skier has more wins (6) and podium finishes (14) in Val d'Isère than Hirscher. Only Aksel Lund Svindal has claimed more podiums in a single ski resort in men's events (15 in Beaver Creek).

Luitz looking to continue German success

- Stefan Luitz won the giant slalom in Beaver Creek last weekend. It was his first World Cup victory.
- He has finished on the podium seven times in the World Cup, all in the giant slalom. His first two podium finishes in his career both came in Val d'Isère (second in 2012, third in 2013).
- Luitz can become the first German man (including West Germany) to win multiple giant slalom races in the World Cup. Max Rieger (1973) and Felix Neureuther (2014) have both won once.
- In all disciplines, six German male skiers (including West Germany) have claimed multiple wins in the World Cup.
- German skiers have won three World Cup races in men's events in 2018. In the last 20 years, only in 2014 German male skiers have claimed more wins in a single calendar year (5).

Other contenders

- Of the last 52 men's giant slalom World Cup races, only five were not won by Marcel Hirscher (23 wins), Ted Ligety (14) or Alexis Pinturault (10).
- The last time consecutive giant slalom World Cup races were not won by any of these three came in 2011 when Cyprien Richard and Aksel Lund

Svindal shared the win in Adelboden, Philipp Schörghofer won in Hinterstoder and Carlo Janka in Kranjska Gora.

- **Alexis Pinturault** is the only skier besides Marcel Hirscher to win a men's giant slalom in the World Cup last season. He won the race in Val d'Isère last season and in 2016/17.
- Pinturault has won 10 World Cup races in this discipline in total. He 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.
- **Ted 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 one World Cup race in Val d'Isère, a giant slalom in 2010.

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