

## PREVIEW Men's SLALOM – Sunday 9 Dec 2018

### Hirscher looking for more Val d'Isère success

- Marcel Hirscher won the first slalom World Cup race in Levi this season.
- Hirscher has won eight of the last nine World Cup slalom races including each of the last three.
- He has claimed six wins in World Cup slalom races in 2018. Only Ingemar Stenmark (8 in 1977) has claimed more wins in World Cup slalom races in a single calendar year.
- Hirscher has claimed 58 World Cup podium finishes in the slalom, second place all-time among men. Only Stenmark (81) has more.
- Coming into the weekend, Hirscher has finished 14 times on the podium in a World Cup event in Val d'Isère, at least doubling all other alpine skiers.
- If Hirscher finishes on the podium in the giant slalom earlier this weekend, he can surpass Aksel Lund Svindal for most podiums in a single ski resort (15 in Beaver Creek).
- Hirscher has won two men's World Cup slalom races in Val d'Isère, joint-most with Henrik Kristoffersen. Hirscher won in 2010 and in 2017.
- His five podium finishes in World Cup slalom races in Val d'Isère are a record among men.

### Kristoffersen set to continue podium streak

- Henrik Kristoffersen finished second in the World Cup slalom race in Levi, behind Marcel Hirscher.
- Kristoffersen also finished on the podium in all nine World Cup slalom races last season. Only Ingemar Stenmark (12, 1977-1978; 12, 1975-1976) has claimed at least 11 consecutive podiums finishes in the World Cup slalom.
- Kristoffersen (15) is one World Cup slalom victory shy of equalling Marc Girardelli (16) in fourth place all-time among men.
- The only Norwegian alpine skier, male or female, with more World Cup victories in a single event is Aksel Lund Svindal; 16 in the super-G.
- Kristoffersen won the slalom in both 2015/16 and 2016/17 in Val d'Isère, most of all male skiers in this discipline in the ski resort together with Hirscher.
- Kristoffersen has only won more World Cup slalom races in Schladming (3).
- With another podium finish he would equal his personal best record of four World Cup slalom podium finishes in a single ski resort set in Schladming, Wengen, Adelboden, Levi and Kranjska Gora.

### Other contenders

- Reigning Olympic champion in this event **André Myhrer** finished third in the first slalom World Cup race of the season in Levi.

- At an age of 35 years and 311 days, Myhrer became the oldest man ever to reach the podium in a World Cup slalom race.
- Myhrer and Patrick Thaler are the only male skiers to reach the podium twice while being 35 years or older.
- Myhrer celebrated his 35th birthday on 11 January. The oldest man to win a World Cup race in the slalom was Mario Matt in Val d'Isère in December 2013 at 34 years and 250 days.
- Myhrer finished third in Val d'Isère last season.
- **Daniel Yule** (Kitzbühel, Schladming), **Luca Aerni** (Madonna di Campiglio) and **Ramon Zenhäusern** (Kranjska Gora) all claimed World Cup podiums in the slalom for Switzerland last season.
- **Zenhäusern** finished fourth in the opener in Levi, missing out the podium by only 0.04 seconds.
- The last Swiss man to win a slalom race in the World Cup was Marc Gini in Reiteralm in November 2007 (winning drought of 108 World Cup slalom races).
- Switzerland are only waiting longer for a ladies' slalom victory in the World Cup (148 races) than in the men's slalom (any discipline).
- The 108 World Cup men's slalom winning drought is the longest for Switzerland in this discipline.

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