

PREVIEW Men GIANT SLALOM – Wednesday 19 Dec 2018

Hirscher set to surpass Moser-Pröll on the all-time list

- On Monday, Marcel Hirscher won his 62nd World Cup race, equalling Annemarie Moser-Pröll in third place on the all-time list. Only Ingemar Stenmark (86) and Lindsey Vonn (82) have won more World Cup races.
- Hirscher has won 30 World Cup races in the giant slalom, second-most all-time behind Stenmark (46).
- Hirscher has finished on the podium in each of the last 18 World Cup giant slalom races, since a fifth place in St. Moritz on 19 March 2016.
- Only Moser-Pröll (23 in downhill), Stenmark (22 in giant slalom) and Vonn (19 in super-G) have recorded longer World Cup podium streaks in a specific event.
- Hirscher has finished on the podium in 21 of his last 24 appearances in the World Cup. The only exceptions are two fifth places in city events and a 10th place in a super-G race.
- Hirscher did not win any of the last four World Cup giant slalom races held in Austria, since winning in Sölden on 26 October 2014. He recorded three second and one third place in those last four races.
- Hirscher could become the first skier (male or female) to win 14 World Cup races in a single calendar year. He now shares the record of 13 with Stenmark (1977, 1979).

Pinturault eyeing fourth successive win in Austria

- Alexis Pinturault finished third in the giant slalom and parallel giant slalom in Alta Badia earlier this week, his first World Cup podiums of the season.
- Pinturault has won 21 World Cup races, one shy from the French record set by Carole Merle (22).
- Pinturault (48) is two podiums shy of recording his 50th in the World Cup.
- Pinturault was the only man other than Marcel Hirscher to win a World Cup giant slalom race last season as he won in Val d'Isère on 9 December 2017.
- Pinturault (10) is one World Cup giant slalom win shy of equalling Gustav Thöni (11) in eighth place all-time among men.
- Pinturault (28) needs one more podium finish in the giant slalom to surpass Hermann Maier (28) in outright seventh place among men in the World Cup.
- Pinturault has won the last three World Cup giant slalom races held in Austria: Hinterstoder 2016 (2x), Sölden 2016.
- Only Ingemar Stenmark (6), Ted Ligety (4) and Hermann Maier (4) have won more World Cup giant slalom events in Austria than Pinturault (3).

Other contenders

- **Thomas Fanara** (37 years, 236 days) became the oldest man on the podium of a World Cup giant slalom race in Alta Badia last Sunday.
- The oldest man to win a giant slalom race in the World Cup is Didier Cuche who won in Sölden in 2009 at the age of 35 years and 70 days.
- Fanara has collected 12 World Cup podiums, all in the giant slalom. His only World Cup win came in the St. Moritz giant slalom on 19 March 2016.
- **Henrik Kristoffersen** has claimed 14 World Cup podiums in the giant slalom, including six in his last 10 appearances.
- Kristoffersen's only World Cup victory in the giant slalom came in Méribel on 21 March 2015.
- **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).
- **Matts Olsson** has claimed one third place (Val d'Isère) and two sixth places (Beaver Creek, Alta Badia) in the giant slalom this World Cup season. The last Swedish man to win a giant slalom race in the World Cup was Fredrik Nyberg in Kranjska Gora on 20 December 2001.

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