

## PREVIEW MEN'S SLALOM MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO – Friday 22 Dec 2023

### Austria

- Austria swept the podium in the opening men's World Cup slalom event of the season as Manuel Feller, Marco Schwarz and Michael Matt filled all three steps of the podium in Gurgl on 18 November.
- Austria had not achieved a podium sweep in a men's World Cup slalom event since claiming places one to five in Wengen back in January 2001. That podium included Michael Matt's older brother Mario Matt (third place as well).
- Feller handed Austria its first victory in a men's World Cup slalom event since Johannes Strolz' win in Adelboden on 9 January 2022.
- The Austrians have not won back-to-back men's World Cup slaloms since victories by Schwarz (Adelboden) and Feller (Flachau) in January 2021.
- **Feller** could become the first Austrian male skier to win back-to-back World Cup slalom events since Marcel Hirscher (2) in January 2019.
- Since 2014, only one of the nine men's World Cup slaloms in Madonna di Campiglio were won by an Austrian: Hirscher on 22 December 2017.
- Austria have recorded one clean sweep in the men's World Cup slalom in Madonna di Campiglio, on 19 December 2000. Mario Matt, Michael's older brother, won that day (Heinz Schilchegger finished second, Rainer Schönfelder third).
- This season, Marco Schwarz finished second in three of the seven men's World Cup events (twice in the giant slalom, once in the slalom). Schwarz's best World Cup result in Madonna Di Campiglio was a second place in the slalom on 22 December 2018.

### Other contenders

- **Daniel Yule** won the World Cup slalom in Madonna di Campiglio on three occasions (2018, 2020, 2022), including last season on 22 December. He can become the second male alpine skier to win the World Cup slalom at least four times in Madonna di Campiglio, after Ingemar Stenmark (5).
- Yule claimed his first career World Cup victories in slalom events in Madonna di Campiglio, on 22 December 2018 and 8 January 2020. He has claimed as many victories in World Cup slalom events in Madonna di Campiglio (3) as in all other resorts combined (3).
- On 18 November, **Dave Ryding** (fourth place) missed the podium in the Gurgl slalom by 0.01 seconds.
- Ryding - who turned 37 years on 5 December - could become the second skier (male or female) to claim a World Cup victory after turning 37. Didier Cuche claimed four WC wins after his 37th birthday (all in the 2011/12 season).
- Ryding could become the second-oldest man to record a World Cup slalom podium finish, after Giuliano Razzoli's third place in Wengen on 16 January 2022. Razzoli was 37 years and 29 days old that day.

- **Henrik Kristoffersen** has claimed 50 World Cup slalom podiums, including 23 victories. He is fourth in the all-time men's list for most WC slalom wins, behind Ingemar Stenmark (40), Alberto Tomba (35) and Marcel Hirscher (32).
- Kristoffersen has won three slalom World Cup events in Madonna di Campiglio (2015, 2016, 2020). Only Ingemar Stenmark has won more slalom World Cup events here (5).
- **AJ Ginnis** finished second in the Chamonix slalom on 4 February to record the first and so far only World Cup podium result for Greece in this sport. Ginnis came runner-up in the slalom at the world championships 15 days later to make history for Greece again.
- Ginnis can become the first Greek winner of a World Cup event in any of the Olympic winter sports.
- The last four countries to win its first-ever World Cup event in alpine skiing achieved this maiden win in the slalom: Kalle Palander for Finland (Kitzbühel, January 2003), Šárka Strachová for Czech Republic (Aspen, January 2008), Veronika Velez-Zuzulová for Slovakia (Semmering, December 2012) and Dave Ryding for Great Britain (Kitzbühel, January 2022). **Note:** for Czech Republic and Slovakia we have excluded wins by athletes representing Czechoslovakia.
- The full list of countries to have claimed a World Cup victory in alpine skiing (from A-Z): Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, Germany (including West Germany), Great Britain, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Soviet Union, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United States and Yugoslavia.

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