PREVIEW MEN'S SLALOM ZAGREB – Wednesday 5 Jan 2022

Clément Noël

- After winning the season slalom opener in Val d'Isère, Clément Noël was on his way to also claim the victory in the second slalom event in Madonna di Campiglio, but missed the last gate in the second run in the Italian resort.
- Noël (9) is one of three Frenchmen to have won at least nine slalom events in the World Cup, alongside Jean Noël Augert (13) and Patrick Russel (9).
- Noël won the slalom event in Zagreb on 5 January 2020. The only male skier to win multiple World Cup slalom events in Zagreb is Marcel Hirscher (5).
- Noël achieved all 16 of his World Cup slalom podiums since the start of 2019. In this same period, no other male skier claimed more than nine slalom podiums in the World Cup.

Kristoffer Jakobsen

- Kristoffer Jakobsen is the only man to finish on the podium in both slalom events this World Cup season. The Swede finished second in Val d'Isère and third in Madonna di Campiglio, claiming his first career World Cup podiums.
- Jakobsen can become the first Swedish man to win a World Cup slalom event since André Myhrer in Aspen on 19 March 2017. Sweden's most recent world level win in the men's slalom was Myhrer's gold medal at the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games.
- Swedish skiers have collected three World Cup podiums in the men's slalom in Zagreb. In 2011, Myhrer won the event with Mattias Hargin joining him on the podium in third place. Myhrer also finished runner-up in the Croatian resort in 2013.

Sebastian Foss Solevåg

- Sebastian Foss Solevåg won the most recent World Cup slalom event, in Madonna di Campiglio on 22 December. It was the Norwegian's third world level victory in the slalom, after a World Cup win in Flachau on 17 January 2021 and gold at the world championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo on 21 February 2021.
- Solevåg can become the first man to win back-to-back slalom events in the World Cup since Daniel Yule in January 2020.
- The most recent Norwegian man to claim successive World Cup wins in the slalom was Henrik Kristoffersen in January 2017.
- Norway's best results in the men's slalom in Zagreb are third places by Kristoffersen (2017, 2018) and Solevåg (2015) himself.

Other contenders

- **Marco Schwarz**, winner of last season's slalom crystal globe, failed to post a result in the opening two slalom events of this season. The last man to win the men's slalom crystal globe after not collecting any points in the first two events was Benjamin Raich in 2000/01.

- Schwarz finished third in last season's slalom event contested in Zagreb. The two Austrian men to have won this event in the World Cup are Marcel Hirscher (a record five times) and Mario Matt.

- **Filip Zubcic** finished third in the opening slalom event of the season, in Val d'Isère on 12 December. It marked the Croatian's first World Cup podium in the slalom.

- Zubcic could become the first Croatian skier to win a World Cup event in Croatia. Ivica Kostelic was the most recent Croatian skier to claim a World Cup podium on home snow, when he finished third in the Zagreb slalom on 5 January 2012.

- Zubcic can join Janica Kostelic as the only skiers representing Croatia to claim a World Cup win in both the giant slalom and slalom.

- **Henrik Kristoffersen** has won 19 World Cup slalom events, ranking him fourth on the men's list behind Ingemar Stenmark (40), Alberto Tomba (35) and Marcel Hirscher (32).

- Kristoffersen's 19 World Cup wins in the men's slalom are already most for a Norwegian skier in a single discipline (17 by Aksel Lund Svindal in men's super-G).

- Norway's best results in the men's slalom in Zagreb are third places by Sebastian Foss Solevåg (2015) and Kristoffersen (2017, 2018) himself.

- **Alexis Pinturault** finished second in the slalom event in Madonna di Campiglio, his 12th World Cup podium in this discipline. The Frenchman won three slalom events in the World Cup, most recently in Val d'Isère on 15 December 2019.

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