

PREVIEW MEN'S GIANT SLALOM – Saturday 12 Jan 2019

Hirscher searching for eighth win in Adelboden

- Marcel Hirscher finished in sixth place in the last giant slalom race in the World Cup, in Saalbach-Hinterglemm. This ended an 18-race podium streak for Hirscher in World Cup giant slalom events.
- The last time Hirscher failed to finish on the podium of consecutive giant slalom events was March 2014: fourth in both Kranjska Gora and Lenzerheide.
- Hirscher has won 31 World Cup races in the giant slalom, second-most all-time behind Ingemar Stenmark (46).
- Hirscher has claimed a record seven World Cup victories and a record 14 World Cup podiums in all disciplines in Adelboden.
- The men's record for most World Cup wins in a single ski resort is eight: Stenmark in Madonna di Campiglio, Aksel Lund Svindal in Lake Louise and Hirscher himself in Alta Badia.
- Hirscher could also equal the men's record for most World Cup podiums in one ski resort: 15 by Svindal in Beaver Creek and 15 by Hirscher himself in Val d'Isère.
- Hirscher has won the giant slalom race in Adelboden three times: in 2012, 2015 and 2018. Only Stenmark (5) has won more giant slalom events in the Swiss ski resort.
- Hirscher has won four or more World Cup giant slalom races in Alta Badia (6), Val d'Isère (5), Kranjska Gora (4) and Beaver Creek (4).

Pinturault eyeing 50th World Cup podium

- Alexis Pinturault has won 21 World Cup races, one shy from the French record set by Carole Merle (22).
- Pinturault (49) is one podium 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 short 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 seventh place among men in the World Cup.
- Pinturault has finished on the podium in the giant slalom in Adelboden on three occasions, all in the last three editions. He finished second in 2015, won in 2017 and claimed a third place in 2018.

Other contenders

- **Žan Kranjec** won the last giant slalom race in the World Cup, in Saalbach-Hinterglemm. It was his first World Cup victory in any discipline.
- The last man other than Marcel Hirscher to win successive giant slalom races in the World Cup was Alexis Pinturault in February-March 2016 (4 wins in a row).
- The only men representing Slovenia to win multiple World Cup races are Jure Kosir (3, all slalom) and Andrej Jerman (2, both downhill).
- Earlier this season in Alta Badia, **Thomas Fanara** became the oldest man on the podium of a World Cup giant slalom race at the age of 37 years and 236 days.
- 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 15 World Cup podiums in the giant slalom. His only World Cup victory in the giant slalom came in Méribel on 21 March 2015.
- **Loïc Meillard** (second in Saalbach-Hinterglemm) and **Thomas Tumler** (second in Beaver Creek) have both finished on a giant slalom podium this World Cup season, the first podium finishes in the giant slalom for Switzerland in over seven years.
- The last Swiss man to win a World Cup giant slalom race was Carlo Janka in Kranjska Gora on 5 March 2011.
- **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 Bode Miller (33).

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