



## Alpine Ski World Cup in Courchevel: Kriechmayr wins, Odermatt secures the globes, emotional farewell for Adrien Théaux

Courchevel came alive this Friday with the Alpine Ski World Cup, as a spectacular downhill race delivered on all its promises on the iconic Éclipse course. In front of a large crowd, Austrian skier **Vincent Kriechmayr** claimed victory in the penultimate downhill race of the season.

He finished ahead of Italy's **Giovanni Franzoni**, second by 0.09 seconds, and Switzerland's **Marco Odermatt**, third by 0.31 seconds. With this new podium finish, the Swiss star secured both **the downhill crystal globe and the overall World Cup title**, further confirming his dominance on the international circuit. It marks his **fifth consecutive overall title**.

For France, **Nils Allègre** delivered the best national performance of the day, finishing **11th**, 1.41 seconds behind the winner.



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Beyond the sporting results, the day was also marked by a **highly emotional moment**. The Courchevel crowd gave a warm ovation to **Adrien Théaux**, who

competed in the final downhill race of his career. Relaxed at the start, the French skier savoured every moment of his last run in Courchevel. Just before crossing the finish line, he stopped briefly to mark the symbolic moment. Greeted by the applause of spectators, he then joined the finish area where he celebrated with his children and saluted the crowd one last time.

A **special ceremony** was later held in his honour, paying tribute to one of the great names of French alpine skiing, in an atmosphere that was both festive and emotional.



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With this new World Cup stage, **Courchevel once again confirms its place among the great international venues of alpine skiing**, capable of delivering both top-level sporting performances and unforgettable moments.

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