

## **MEET THE 2021 AUDI AJAX CUP PROS**





five-time World Cup overall champion who excelled in all five alpine disciplines. Girardelli made three appearances on the Olympic stage in 1988, 1992 and 1994.

Marc Girardelli is an Austrian and Luxembourgish former alpine ski racer, a

**Daron Rahlves** is the most accomplished male American downhill racer of all time. He is a four-time Olympian (three in alpine, one in freestyle), has earned three World Championship medals (including one gold), and spent 12 years racing on the World Cup circuit, during which he won 12 races and landed on the podium 28 times.



**Nolan Kasper** is a United States Ski Team alum and three-time Olympian (Vancover 2010, Sochi 2014, and PyeongChang 2018). During the course of his career on the World Cup, Nolan's career-best result was a silver medal in slalom in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia.



**Wiley Maple** is an AVSC and US Ski Team alumnus. He spent many years with the US Ski Team and was a consistent points scorer in the speed disciplines. Wiley raced in the 2018 Olympics in PyeongChang, Korea. A two-time US National Downhill Champion, Wiley grew up skiing speed on the Stapleton Training Center. He is no stranger to the 2020 Ajax Cup venue.



**Kristina Koznick Landa** joined the US Ski Team at age 15 and spent the next 16 years as a consistent competitor in the World Cup. She earned 20 podium finishes, won six World Cup slalom races, earned five national titles, and competed in three Olympic Games.



**Erik Schlopy** is known for having one of the longest and most successful careers in US Ski Team history. He is a World Champion medalist, a three-time Olympian, and a seven-time National Champion. He is known to be an innovator, especially with his race equipment – he might have some helpful tips for you!



**TJ Lanning** was a long-time US Ski Team member, first as an athlete and then as a coach. At one point, he was the top-ranked junior in the world in slalom and super-g. He had multiple top-10 World Cup finishes and was a National Champion in downhill.



**Chad Fleischer** is a two-time Winter Olympian in Alpine Ski Racing 94, 98 and competed for the Men's US Alpine Ski Team for 12 years. He is twotime National Downhill Skiing Champion and Silver Medalist in the World Cup Finals Downhill 1999. Chad is currently the Head FIS Men's Alpine Coach for the Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club.

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**Marco Sullivan** is a former World Cup Alpine Ski Racer. Born in Truckee, California he competed primarily in the speed events of Downhill and Super G. Sullivan competed in the 2002 and 2010 Winter Olympics, and four World Championships. He won one World Cup race, a downhill in Chamonix, France, in 2008.



**Tommy Biesemeyer**, an East Coaster by birth, knows what it's like to race on icy conditions. A product of the New York Ski Education Foundation, he started racing at Whiteface, but he quickly moved into to the U.S. Ski Team food chain, making his World Cup debut in 2011. Biesemeyer competed in the 2018 Olympics.



**Abby Ghent** has the U.S. Ski Team in her blood as the daughter of former U.S. teamers. Ghent was the female fastest super G skier on the NorAm circuit in 2014 and competed in World Cup races in 2016 and 2017.



**Dustin Cook** is a Canadian World Cup Alpine Skier. Born in Toronto, Ontario he won a silver medal in the Super-G at the 2015 World Championships at Beaver Creek. Cook made his first World Cup podium in March 2015 and won his race race eleven days later at the World Cup Finals in Meribel, France.



**Cooper Cornelius** is an AVSC alumni and native to the Roaring Fork Valley, hailing from Glenwood Springs. He now races for the University of Denver Alpine Ski Team and excels at all disciplines. He is excited to support the club that got him to where he is today in his ski racing career.



**Casey Puckett** has called the Roark Valley home since 1999 and dedicated nine years of his career to coaching AVSC Alpine athletes. He has also been involved in the Audi Ajax Cup for many years serving as the event's Race Chair, and now returning as a Pro! Puckett currently coaches for the US Ski and Snowboard Team.



**Tristan Lane** is a Roaring Fork Valley native and AVSC Alumni that now races for the Denver University Alpine Ski Team. This season, Lane finished 14th in the men's giant slalom at the Denver Invitational and took 14th in the men's giant slalom at the RMISA Invitational at Utah. He is excited to return home and support AVSC at the 2021 Audi Ajax Cup.



**Galena Wardle** is an Aspen Native and AVSC alumni that currently skis for Denver University Alpine Ski Team. Wardle Placed 21st in both women's slaloms races at the RMISA Invitational at Westminster & Soldier Hollow and finished 17th in the first race of the women's giant slaloms at the RMISA Invitational at Utah.

