

PREVIEW WOMEN'S GIANT SLALOM KILLINGTON – Saturday 25 Nov 2023

Mikaela Shiffrin

- Mikaela Shiffrin claimed a record-extending 89th World Cup victory in the second Levi slalom on 12 November. Twenty-one of her 89 WC wins were achieved in the giant slalom (a women's record).
- Thanks to that victory in Levi, Shiffrin (139) overtook Marcel Hirscher (138) in second place all-time for most World Cup podiums. Ingemar Stenmark (155) holds the record.
- Shiffrin (5 out of a maximum 11) is the only woman to have won multiple World Cup events in Killington. All five of her WC wins at this venue came in the slalom.
- Shiffrin's results in the five World Cup giant slaloms held in Killington: 5th, 2nd, 4th, 3rd and 13th.
- Since her 13th place in Killington on 26 November 2022, Shiffrin either won or finished sixth in the World Cup giant slalom events: 6-1-1-6-1-1-1-1-1-6.
- Only Stenmark (10) has claimed as many World Cup wins in United States as Shiffrin (9).
- Shiffrin has won only one World Cup giant slalom event on home snow: in Palisades Tahoe on 10 March 2017. The ski resort was then known as Squaw Valley.
- Shiffrin achieved the giant slalom/slalom double in a single World Cup weekend on nine occasions, including in Åre and Semmering last season.

Lara Gut-Behrami

- Lara Gut-Behrami won the opening event of the 2023/24 World Cup: the Sölden giant slalom on 28 October. She was 0.02 seconds faster than runner-up Federica Brignone.
- Gut-Behrami had set the fourth-fastest time in the first run in Sölden, and overtook Petra Vlhová (+0.10), Sara Hector (+0.23) and Brignone (+0.75) by setting the fastest time in run 2.
- Switzerland can win back-to-back women's World Cup giant slalom events for the first time since December 2001 - January 2002 (3, wins by Sonja Nef, Lilian Kummer and Nef again).
- Nef is the last Swiss woman to achieve back-to-back victories in World Cup giant slaloms: five in a row from December 2000 to March 2001.
- Gut-Behrami triumphed in last year's World Cup giant slalom in Killington (26 November 2022). Shiffrin (5) is the only woman on multiple World Cup wins at the resort.

Other contenders

- The five World Cup giant slalom events in Killington were won by five different women: Tessa Worley (2016/17), Viktoria Regensburg (2017/18), Federica Brignone (2018/19), Marta Bassino (2019/20) and Lara Gut-Behrami (2022/23).
- **Federica Brignone** has finished inside the top 10 in all five World Cup giant slaloms in Killington (8th, 5th, 1st, 2nd, 9th). Only Worley achieved this feat as well.
- Brignone, 33 years old, can become the oldest women to win a World Cup giant slalom event, surpassing Austria's Anita Wachter who was 32 years and 319 days old when she triumphed in Lienz on 28 December 1999.
- **Sara Hector** is the only woman to have finished inside the top five in all three World Cup events in 2023/24: fourth in the Sölden giant slalom, fifth in the first Levi slalom and fourth in the second Levi slalom.
- Hector is looking for her first major victory since winning the gold medal in the giant slalom at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games on 7 February 2022 (event held in Yanqing).
- Hector achieved each of her 13 World Cup podium results in the giant slalom, including four victories.
- **Ragnhild Mohwinckel** returns to competition after she was disqualified for a forbidden type of wax on her skis in the season opener in Sölden. Mohwinckel had finished the first leg of the giant slalom in sixth place before her skis failed the post-run test.
- **Petra Vlhová** could achieve her first World Cup giant slalom victory since her win in Åre on 11 March 2022.
- **Austria** has won a record 93 women's World Cup giant slalom events, but its most recent victory was more than seven years ago: by Eva-Maria Brem in Jasná on 7 March 2016.

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