

PREVIEW WOMEN'S SLALOM KILLINGTON – Sunday 26 Nov 2023

Mikaela Shiffrin

- Mikaela Shiffrin has claimed 54 World Cup slalom victories, a record tally WC wins for a man or woman in a specific discipline.
- Shiffrin finished fourth and first respectively in the World Cup slaloms in Levi earlier this month (11-12 November). She decided to name her seventh reindeer Groggu (Baby Yoda).
- Shiffrin won each of the first five World Cup slalom events in Killington (2016-2021) before a fifth place last season (27 November 2022).
- Shiffrin had set the fastest time in the first slalom run last season, but dropped to fourth because she only set the 27th-fastest time in run 2.
- Shiffrin has only celebrated more World Cup slalom victories in Levi (7) than in Killington (5, also in Åre and Zagreb).
- In the last six seasons (since 2018/19), Shiffrin recorded only one DNF in 44 World Cup slalom starts: in Kranjska Gora on 9 January 2022.

Petra Vlhová

- Petra Vlhová (20) is joint-fifth alongside Janica Kostelic (20) in the all-time women's ranking for most World Cup slalom wins, behind Mikaela Shiffrin (54), Marlies Schild (35), Vreni Schneider (34) and Erika Hess (21).
- Vlhová won this season's opening World Cup slalom event in Levi (11 November) by a margin of 1.41 seconds. She set the fastest time in both runs.
- Vlhová led second-placed Mikaela Shiffrin by 0.76 seconds after the first run in the second Levi slalom event the following day, but recorded a DNF in run 2.
- Vlhová finished inside the top five in all six World Cup slalom events in Killington but never won (5th, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd, 4th). She came runner-up to Shiffrin on all four occasions.
- Vlhová's only World Cup victory in United States came in the Aspen slalom on 18 March 2017. **Note:** this excludes the Killington giant slalom on 25 November.

Other contenders

- **Wendy Holdener** and **Anna Swenn-Larsson** shared the victory in the Killington slalom in last season's World Cup (27 November 2022). It marked the first WC slalom win for both women.
- The last time neither Mikaela Shiffrin nor Petra Vlhová finished on the podium in a World Cup slalom event was in that Killington slalom last year. Both Vlhová (4th) and Shiffrin (5th) did finish inside the top five.
- **Lena Dürr** was the only woman to finish on the podium in both World Cup slaloms in Levi this month: second on Saturday and third on Sunday.
- Dürr could claim her second World Cup slalom victory, after her first place in the second Špindleruv Mlýn on 29 January 2023.
- **Leona Popovic** finished runner-up in the second Levi slalom on 12 November (+0.18 behind Shiffrin) to equal her best result at World Cup level (2nd place in the Soldeu slalom on 18 March 2023).
- Janica Kostelic (30), Ivica Kostelic (26) and Filip Zubcic (3) are the only three Croatian skiers to have triumphed at World Cup level.
- **Laurence St-Germain** is the reigning world champion in the women's slalom. Shiffrin (silver) and Dürr (bronze) joined her on the podium in Méribel back in February.
- Remarkably, St-Germain's best result in a World Cup slalom event is a fifth place in Åre on 11 March, three weeks after becoming a world champion.

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