

## PREVIEW WOMEN'S SLALOM FLACHAU – Tuesday 21 Jan 2024

### Mikaela Shiffrin

- Mikaela Shiffrin won the World Cup slalom event in Lienz on 29 December to extend her record number of World Cup slalom wins to 56 (Ingemar Stenmark follows on 40). It also resulted in United States (89) surpassing Austria (88) as the country to record the most victories in women's World Cup slalom events.
- Shiffrin (80) is one short of equalling Stenmark (81) for most podium finishes in World Cup slalom events.
- Shiffrin has finished on the podium in 12 of her last 14 starts in World Cup slalom events. The only exceptions in that run were a fourth place in Levi on 11 November 2023 and the DNF in Kranjska Gora on 7 January.
- No woman has won as many World Cup slaloms in Flachau as Shiffrin (4; 2013, 2014, 2018 and 2021). Shiffrin was only 17 years old when she won the slalom in Flachau for the first time.
- Austria (12) is the country in which Mikaela Shiffrin has won the most World Cup slaloms. She finished on the podium in each of her last 19 World Cup slalom events in Austria, since a DNF in Semmering on 29 December 2012.

### Petra Vlhová

- In the most recent women's World Cup slalom, Petra Vlhová (22) surpassed Erika Hess (21) in fourth place for most wins in women's World Cup slalom events, behind Mikaela Shiffrin (56), Marlies Schild (35) and Vreni Schneider (34).
- Vlhová has only won as many World Cup slaloms in Levi (6), Zagreb (3) and Kranjska Gora (3) as in Flachau (3; 2019, 2020, 2023).
- Vlhová can become the second woman to win at least four World Cup slaloms in Flachau, after Shiffrin (4).
- Vlhová (3) can win at least four World Cup slaloms in a single season for the third time, after 2021/22 (5) and 2020/21 (4).

### Shiffrin versus Vlhová

- Mikaela Shiffrin (7) and Petra Vlhová (5) have won 12 of the last 13 women's World Cup slalom events. The only exception in this run was a victory for Lena Dürr in Špindleruv Mlýn on 29 January 2023.
- The six women's World Cup slalom events this season were won by Shiffrin (3) and Vlhová (3).
- At least one of Shiffrin and Vlhová has finished on the podium in each of the last 14 women's World Cup slalom events, since Vlhová was fourth and Shiffrin was fifth in Killington on 27 November 2022.
- Each of the last five women's World Cup slalom events in Flachau were won by Vlhová (3) or Shiffrin (2), a run stretching back to a victory for Frida Hansdotter in 2017.

## Other contenders

- **Lena Dürr** (3 second places, 1 third place) is the only female other than Mikaela Shiffrin (4) and Petra Vlhová (4) to record multiple podium finishes in World Cup slalom events this season.
- Only two women have won a World Cup slalom event after their 32nd birthday: Marlies Schild (two at age 32) and Veronika Velez-Zuzulová (one at age 32).
- Dürr can become the first German woman to win a World Cup slalom in Austria since Maria Höfl-Riesch won in Flachau in January 2011. It marked Germany's only victory in a women's World Cup slalom in Flachau.
- **AJ Hurt** (3rd) recorded her first podium finish in a World Cup slalom in Kranjska Gora on 7 January. Hurt finished 16th in the first run in Kranjska Gora, but was the fastest woman in the second run.
- The last Austrian woman to record a podium finish in a World Cup slalom in Flachau was **Katharina Liensberger** in January 2021 (2nd). Marlies Schild is the only Austrian woman to win a slalom in Flachau (2010 and 2011).

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