

## PREVIEW WOMEN'S GIANT SLALOM KRANJSKA GORA – Saturday 6 Jan 2024

### Mikaela Shiffrin

- Mikaela Shiffrin ended 2023 by winning the giant slalom and slalom World Cup events in Lienz. It extended her record number of World Cup wins to 93 (Ingemar Stenmark follows on 86).
- Shiffrin recorded 13 World Cup wins in 2023. Only in 2018 (15) did she record more World Cup wins in a single calendar year (also 13 in 2019).
- Shiffrin has won 22 World Cup giant slalom events, a record for a female. The four male skiers to win as many World Cup giant slalom events are Ingemar Stenmark (46), Marcel Hirscher (31), Ted Ligety (24) and Michael von Grünigen (23).
- Shiffrin's first World Cup giant slalom win of this season (28 December in Lienz) was only one day later than her first World Cup giant slalom win of last season (27 December 2022 in Semmering). She went on to record seven World Cup giant slalom wins last season.
- Shiffrin has won two World Cup giant slalom events in Kranjska Gora (2018 and 2023). The only other female to record multiple World Cup giant slalom wins in Kranjska Gora is Marta Bassino (two in 2021).
- Shiffrin has recorded more than two wins in World Cup giant slalom events in Semmering (4), Courchevel (4) and Kronplatz (3).

### Federica Brignone

- Federica Brignone is joint-second alongside Gustav Thöni (both 24) for most World Cup wins by an Italian alpine skier, behind only Alberto Tomba (50). Sofia Goggia is on 23.
- Only in 2019/20 (11) and 2022/23 (7) has Brignone recorded more World Cup podium finishes in a single season than 2023/24 (6).
- Brignone (33) is one short of moving joint-fifth alongside Viktoria Rebensburg (34) for most podium finishes in women's World Cup giant slalom events.
- Brignone can record a podium finish in four consecutive World Cup giant slalom participations for the first time. She also had a run of three from October to December 2015 and from January to March 2017.
- Both of Brignone's two World Cup podium finishes in Kranjska Gora were in the giant slalom: second on 21 January 2012 and 8 January 2023.

## Other contenders

- **Lara Gut-Behrami** (39) is one short of becoming the seventh female alpine skier to record 40 World Cup wins. Both of her two World Cup victories this season were in the giant slalom (Sölden and Killington), but her only World Cup podium in Kranjska Gora was third in the giant slalom on 8 January 2023.
- **Petra Vlhová** has won four World Cup slalom events since her most recent victory in a World Cup giant slalom (in Åre on 11 March 2022).
- **In the last six years the first women's World Cup event of the calendar year was either won by Vlhová (4) or Mikaela Shiffrin (2), a run that stretches back to a victory by Veronika Velez-Zuzulová in the slalom in Zagreb on 3 January 2017.**
- **Valérie Grenier** has won one World Cup event: the giant slalom in Kranjska Gora on 7 January 2023. Her best World Cup result this season was fourth in the giant slalom in Lienz on 28 December.
- All 14 World Cup podium finishes by **Sara Hector** were in the giant slalom, including a win in Kranjska Gora in 2022.
- **Marta Bassino** is level alongside Tessa Worley (both 4) for most podium finishes in women's World Cup giant slalom events in Kranjska Gora. Bassino has not recorded a World Cup giant slalom podium finish since a second place in Kranjska Gora on 7 January 2023.
- Austria has won a record 93 World Cup events in the women's giant slalom, but the most recent of those was by Eva-Maria Brem in Jasná on 7 March 2016. **Julia Scheib** finished fifth in Lienz on 28 December.
- The best result by a Slovenian in a women's World Cup giant slalom this season is 11th by **Ana Bucik** in Sölden. Meta Hrovat finished third in the women's World Cup giant slalom in Kranjska Gora in 2020 and 2021.
- Slovenia's Neja Dvornik celebrates her 23rd birthday on the day of this event.

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