

## PREVIEW WOMEN'S GIANT SLALOM – Thursday 28 Dec 2023

### Federica Brignone

- Federica Brignone, 33 years old, won both giant slalom events in Tremblant three weeks ago. She became the oldest woman to win a World Cup giant slalom event.
- Brignone can become the third Italian woman to win three successive World Cup giant slalom events, after Deborah Compagnoni (8 in a row in 1997-1998 (all-time record) and 3 in a row in 1993-1994) and Denise Karbon (4 in a row in 2007-2008).
- Brignone (2) is the first Italian woman to win multiple World Cup giant slalom events in a single season since Marta Bassino in 2020/21 (4).
- Brignone (24) can become the second Italian skier (male or female) to win at least 25 individual World Cup events, after Alberto Tomba (50). Gustav Thöni also recorded 24 victories in individual WC events (Sofia Goggia 23).
- Brignone won the World Cup giant slalom event in Lienz on 29 December 2017. She finished fourth in the last two women's World Cup giant slalom events at this resort, in 2019 and 2021.

### Mikaela Shiffrin

- Mikaela Shiffrin has won a record 91 World Cup events, 21 of those were achieved in the giant slalom (a women's record).
- Last season, Shiffrin won seven out of 10 World Cup giant slalom events. In the four giant slaloms this season, she recorded three third places and a sixth place.
- In 2019, Shiffrin won the women's giant slalom and slalom event in Lienz. In 2021, she missed the events in Lienz after she tested positive for COVID-19.

## Other contenders

- **Lara Gut-Behrami** won the first two women's giant slalom events this season. In Tremblant, she finished fifth and second.
- Gut-Behrami (39) can become the seventh women to record at least 40 victories in individual World Cup events. Seven of her 39 wins were achieved in giant slalom events.
- **Petra Vlhová** could achieve her first World Cup giant slalom victory since her win in Åre on 11 March 2022. She won four World Cup slalom events since.
- **Sara Hector** has recorded five top five finishes in this World Cup season, but she has yet to finish on the podium (4 fourth places, 1 fifth place).
- Hector achieved each of her 13 World Cup podium results in the giant slalom, including four victories.
- 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).
- **Katharina Liensberger** is the most recent Austrian woman to finish on a World Cup giant slalom podium: a third place in Lienz on 28 December 2019.
- **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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