

PREVIEW WOMEN'S SLALOM LIENZ – Friday 29 Dec 2023

Mikaela Shiffrin

- Mikaela Shiffrin finished on the podium in 11 of her last 12 participations in World Cup slalom events, with as exception a fourth place in Levi on 11 November 2023.
- Only Ingemar Stenmark (81) has recorded as many podiums in World Cup slaloms as Shiffrin (79), but Shiffrin holds the record for most World Cup slalom victories (55).
- Shiffrin has won 11 World Cup slalom events in Austria, including two in Lienz. Only Stenmark (10 in Italy) also won at least 10 WC slalom events in a specific country.
- United States (88) is tied with Austria (88) for most women's World Cup slalom victories.

Petra Vlhová

- Petra Vlhová (21) is joint-fourth alongside Erika Hess (21) in the all-time women's ranking for most World Cup slalom wins, behind Mikaela Shiffrin (55), Marlies Schild (35) and Vreni Schneider (34).
- Vlhová has finished runner-up in 14 World Cup slaloms. Vlhová came second to Shiffrin on each of the last 13 occasions, after she finished second behind compatriot Veronika Velez-Zuzolová in Zagreb on 3 January 2017.
- Only Wendy Holdener came second to a specific rival in as many World Cup slaloms as Vlhová to Shiffrin (13 times). Holdener was also runner-up behind Shiffrin on 13 occasions.

Shiffrin versus Vlhová

- Mikaela Shiffrin and Petra Vlhová have both won two of the four women's World Cup slalom events this season.
- Shiffrin and Vlhová have recorded a 1-2 finish in 23 World Cup slalom events. Shiffrin triumphed ahead of Vlhová 13 times and it was the other way around on 10 occasions.
- Shiffrin and/or Vlhová finished on the podium in each of the last 12 World Cup slaloms (6 wins by Shiffrin, 4 by Vlhová). The run began after they finished fourth (Vlhová) and fifth (Shiffrin) in the Killington slalom in November 2022.
- The last three women's World Cup slalom events in Lienz were won by Shiffrin or Vlhová. Shiffrin won in 2017 and 2019 and Vlhová won in 2021 (Shiffrin did not participate due to a positive test for COVID-19).

Other contenders

- **Lena Dürr** (32 years old) can become the third woman aged 32 or older to win a World Cup slalom, after Marlies Schild and Veronika Velez-Zuzolová (both 32 when they won their final slalom).
- **Wendy Holdener** is tied-seventh in the all-time World Cup slalom podium finishers, alongside Janica Kostelic and Pernilla Wiberg (all 35). Perrine Pelen (36) is next on the list.
- Only Frida Hansdotter (17) finished runner-up as many times in World Cup slalom events as Holdener (16).
- **Leona Popovic** can become the second woman representing Croatia to win a World Cup slalom event, after Janica Kostelic (20).
- **Michelle Gisin** finished third in the slalom in Lienz in both 2019 (her first career World Cup podium in this discipline) and 2021.
- Gisin's only World Cup victory came on Austrian snow, the slalom in Semmering on 29 December 2020.
- **Austria** has won a joint-record 88 women's World Cup slalom events (United States also 88), but not since **Katharina Liensberger's** victory in Åre on 12 March 2022.
- The last Austrian woman to claim a podium finish in a World Cup slalom event in Austria was Liensberger in Lienz on 29 December 2021 (second place). The last Austrian woman to win a WC slalom event on home snow was Marlies Schild in Lienz on 29 December 2013.

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