

## PREVIEW WOMEN'S GIANT SLALOM JASNÁ – Saturday 20 Jan 2024

### Petra Vlhová

- This is Petra Vlhová's home event. It is approximately 17km by car from her hometown and residence Liptovský Mikuláš to Jasná.
- Vlhová won the most recent World Cup giant slalom held in Jasná as she triumphed in front of her home crowd on 7 March 2021. Erika Hess (1984) and Eva-Maria Brem (2016) are the other female winners of a World Cup giant slalom at this resort.
- Vlhová has claimed 31 World Cup victories, ranking her joint-11th on the all-time women's list (alongside Erika Hess). She could equal Hanni Wenzel (33) in 10th place this weekend.
- Six of Vlhová's 31 World Cup wins came in the giant slalom. Her six victories were achieved at six different venues, including Jasná in March 2021.

### Italy

- **Federica Brignone** is leading the women's giant slalom World Cup standings this season on 460 points, 15 points ahead of Lara Gut-Behrami in second place.
- Brignone or **Sofia Goggia** (both 24) can become the first female skier representing Italy to achieve 25 World Cup victories. The only male skier representing Italy to have reached this tally is Alberto Tomba (50).
- Brignone has claimed 10 World Cup victories in the giant slalom whereas Goggia has yet to win one (3 second places and 2 third places).
- Brignone reached the podium in five of the six women's World Cup giant slaloms this season, including winning twice in Tremblant. She only missed out on a podium result in Killington (6th).
- Brignone is joint-fifth alongside Viktoria Rebensburg (both 34) for most podium finishes in women's World Cup giant slalom events. Tessa Worley (36) is in fourth place.
- Brignone finished on the podium (third place) in the World Cup giant slalom in Jasná in March 2016. This is Italy's best World Cup result in Slovakia (excluding results in Czechoslovakia).

### Other contenders

- **Valérie Grenier** won the most recent women's World Cup giant slalom, in Kranjska Gora on 6 January 2024. She secured her second World Cup giant slalom victory, after she had also triumphed at that same place 364 days before (7 January 2023).
- Only four female skiers representing Canada have celebrated more than two World Cup victories: Nancy Greene (14), Laurie Graham (6), Gery Sörensen (5) and Betsy Clifford (3).
- **Mikaela Shiffrin** has claimed a record 94 World Cup wins, including 22 in the giant slalom (women's record). The four male skiers to have won as

- many World Cup giant slalom events as Shiffrin (22) are Ingemar Stenmark (46), Marcel Hirscher (31), Ted Ligety (24) and Michael von Grünigen (23).
- Shiffrin finished 14th (2016) and third (2021) respectively in her two World Cup giant slalom appearances in Jasná. She had won the Jasná slalom the previous day on both occasions.
  - Shiffrin and Phil Mahre (two each) are the only skiers - male or female - to have claimed multiple World Cup wins in Jasná.
  - **Lara Gut-Behrami** (40) is seventh in the all-time list on most World Cup victories among women. Anja Parsön (42) currently holds sixth place.
  - **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.
  - The best result for Austria in a women's World Cup giant slalom this season was fifth by Julia Scheib in Lienz on 28 December 2023.

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