

PREVIEW WOMEN'S GIANT SLALOM TREMBLANT – 2-3 Dec 2023

Lara Gut-Behrami

- Lara Gut-Behrami is the first Swiss woman to have achieved back-to-back victories in World Cup giant slaloms since Sonja Nef won five in a row from December 2000 to March 2001.
- Gut-Behrami could become the first female skier to win each of the opening three World Cup giant slalom events from the start of a season since Tina Maze in 2012/13 (first 4).
- Gut-Behrami is the first female skier representing Switzerland to win the opening two World Cup giant slaloms of a season since Heidi Zeller-Bähler in 1994/95. Zeller-Bähler did not claim another WC giant slalom victory that season.
- Gut-Behrami finished on the podium in one of her last 12 World Cup event participations in Canada, a second place in the Lake Louise super-G on 5 December 2021.

Mikaela Shiffrin

- Mikaela Shiffrin claimed a record-extending 90th World Cup victory in the slalom in Killington on 12 November. Of her 89 WC wins, 21 were achieved in the giant slalom (a women's record).
- Shiffrin won seven out of 10 World Cup giant slalom events last season. She recorded a sixth place (Sölden) and third place (Killington) this season.
- Shiffrin won two World Cup events in Canada, both in Lake Louise: the downhill on 2 December 2017 and the super-G on 2 December 2018. The first event of this weekend will take place on 2 December.

Other contenders

- This will be the first-ever World Cup event in Tremblant.
- This is the second women's World Cup giant slalom event held in Canada in the past 30 years, following an event in Panorama on 24 November 2007 (won by Denise Karbon).
- France (4) is the country to have won the most women's World Cup giant slalom events in Canada. Austria follows on three victories.
- **Valérie Grenier** became the Canadian national champion in the women's giant slalom in Tremblant back in March 2017.
- Nine of the last 10 women's World Cup giant slalom events were won by either Mikaela Shiffrin (7) or Lara Gut-Behrami (2). The exception is a Grenier win in Kranjska Gora on 7 January 2023.
- **Federica Brignone** is looking for her first World Cup giant slalom win since 20 March 2022 (Courchevel). Brignone has yet to record a podium finish in a WC event held in Canada.

- Brignone, 33 years old, can become the oldest women to win a World Cup giant slalom event, surpassing Austria's Anita Wachter who was 32 years and 319 days old when she triumphed in Lienz on 28 December 1999.
- **Sara Hector** finished inside the top five in four of the five women's World Cup events in 2023/24, with a ninth place in the Killington slalom on 26 November as the exception. Hector has yet to finish on the podium in a World Cup event this season.
- 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).
- Hector achieved each of her 13 World Cup podium results in the giant slalom, including four victories.
- **Petra Vlhová** could achieve her first World Cup giant slalom victory since her win in Åre on 11 March 2022.
- **Alice Robinson** (runner-up in the Killington giant slalom on 25 November) will celebrate her 22nd birthday on Friday 1 December.
- **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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