

## PREVIEW WOMEN'S GIANT SLALOM SOLDEU – Saturday 10 Feb 2024

### Lara Gut-Behrami

- Lara Gut-Behrami has won three giant slalom events in a single World Cup season for the first time. She can record four wins in a discipline in a single World Cup season for the third time, following four super-G victories in 2013/14 and 2020/21.
- Gut-Behrami (42) can surpass Anja Pärson (42) in sixth place on most World Cup wins among women. Renate Götschl sits in fifth (46).
- Gut-Behrami won the last two World Cups (Cortina super-G and Kronplatz giant slalom). She can record three successive WC wins for the third time, following runs in October-November 2013 (giant slalom, downhill, super-G) and January-February 2021 (two super-G's and two downhills).
- Gut-Behrami recorded one World Cup win in Soldeu, a super-G on 16 March 2023. Her best result in a giant slalom in Soldeu is a fourth place on 19 March 2023.

### Other contenders

- **Federica Brignone** (24, alongside Sofia Goggia) can become the first female skier representing Italy to achieve 25 World Cup victories. The only male skier from Italy to have reached this tally is Alberto Tomba (50).
- The second of Brignone's 24 World Cup wins came in Soldeu, in a super-G on 27 February 2016.
- **Sara Hector** and **Alice Robinson** tied for second place in the latest World Cup giant slalom (in Kronplatz). It marked the first time two women shared second place in a women's World Cup giant slalom since Lara Gut-Behrami and Nina Haver-Løseth did so behind Eva-Maria Brem in Courchevel in December 2015.
- Hector can claim multiple World Cup giant slalom wins in a season for the second time, after three wins in 2021/22.
- Robinson has won three individual World Cups (8 podiums). She can join Claudia Riegler (4, also New Zealand) on a record four wins among women representing Oceania. She can surpass Riegler and Annelise Coberger (both 8) on most podium finishes.
- **Ragnhild Mowinckel** aims to be the first Norwegian woman to win a giant slalom World Cup since her own victory in Ofterschwang on 9 March 2018. The other Norwegian women to have won WC giant slaloms are Andrine Flemmen (3) and Stina Hofgard Nilsen (1).
- **Julia Scheib** posted the fastest time in the second run of the most recent World Cup giant slalom in Kronplatz on 30 January. She ultimately finished ninth overall, after a 25th place in the first run.
- Austrian women have failed to finish on the podium of World Cup giant slalom events since Katharina Liensberger finished third in Lienz on 28 December 2019.
- **Zrinka Ljutic** could win an individual World Cup event for the first time. Janica Kostelic is the only woman representing Croatia to have won giant slaloms in the World Cup (2 - 2005, 2006).

## Various

- Soldeu hosted the World Cup Season Final last year (15-19 March 2023). Mikaela Shiffrin triumphed in the women's giant slalom on the last day, ahead of **Thea Louise Stjernesund** (+0:06).
- **Shiffrin** won two out of the three World Cup giant slalom events that have been held in Soldeu (2019, 2023), with the exception being Tessa Worley's win in 2012. Shiffrin (3) is the only woman with more than one WC win in Soldeu (all disciplines).
- **Sofia Goggia** crashed during a giant slalom training on Monday 5 February and broke two bones in her right leg, ending her season prematurely. Goggia is the latest top skier to suffer a serious injury following crashes involving Mikaela Shiffrin, Petra Vlhová, Corinne Suter and Aleksander Aamodt Kilde among others.
- Goggia leads the World Cup downhill standings this season, is fifth overall and fourth in the super-G standings. She is currently ninth in the giant slalom standings.
- Canada's **Britt Richardson** became a junior world champion in the ladies' giant slalom in Saint-Jean-d'Aulps (France) on 2 February. Switzerland's **Stefanie Grob** (silver) and Albania's **Lara Colturi** (bronze) completed the podium.
- The last woman aged 20 years or younger to finish on the podium of a World Cup giant slalom event was Alice Robinson (then 19 years old) who won in Lenzerheide in March 2021. A 17-year old Robinson claimed her first career WC podium finish here in Soldeu, recording a second place in the giant slalom on 17 March 2019.

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