

PREVIEW WOMEN GIANT SLALOM KRONPLATZ – Tuesday 30 Jan 2024

Lara Gut-Behrami

- Lara Gut-Behrami won the first two giant slalom World Cup events this season and is leading the World Cup standings in this event.
- Gut-Behrami (41 individual World Cup wins) can join Anja Pärson (42) in sixth place on the women's all-time winning list. Among Swiss women, only Vreni Schneider (55) won more individual World Cup events than Gut-Behrami.
- Gut-Behrami has yet to claim an individual World Cup win in Kronplatz: two second places (2021, 2023) in six starts. Her two second places make her the only Swiss woman to have finished on the podium in a World Cup giant slalom in Kronplatz.

Sara Hector

- Sara Hector won the Jasná World Cup giant slalom by a margin of 1.52 seconds to Mikaela Shiffrin in second place. This marked the biggest winning margin in a women's World Cup giant slalom in almost 20 years. On 7 February 2004, Anja Pärson was 1.98 seconds faster than runner-up Tina Maze in Zwiesel.
- Hector won the Kronplatz World Cup giant slalom in January 2022. She could join Mikaela Shiffrin as only woman to have won multiple World Cup giant slaloms here.
- Hector can claim multiple giant slalom World Cups in a season for the second time, after three wins in 2021/22.

Other contenders

- **Mikaela Shiffrin** will not start in Kronplatz after her crash in the downhill in Cortina d'Ampezzo on 26 January. Shiffrin won the two giant slalom World Cup in Kronplatz last year (24 and 25 January 2023). Her win on 24 January last year was her record 83rd individual World Cup win, one more than Lindsey Vonn (82) on most World Cup wins among women.
- **Petra Vlhová** suffered a season-ending knee injury and **Valérie Grenier** (shoulder) will likely miss the remainder of the season.
- **Federica 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 is the only Italian woman to have won an individual World Cup event in Kronplatz, in the giant slalom in 2017.
- **Alice Robinson** has won three individual World Cups (7 podiums). She can join Claudia Riegler (4, also New Zealand) on a record four wins among women representing Oceania. Riegler and Annelise Coberger have claimed a record eight podium finishes.

- **Zrinka Ljutic** could win an individual World Cup event for the first time. Janica Kosteli is the only woman representing Croatia to have won giant slalom World Cups (2 - 2005, 2006).
- **Thea Louise Stjernesund** or **Ragnhild Mowinckel** could become the first Norwegian woman to win a giant slalom since Mowinckel won in Ofterschwang in March 2018.

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