

## PREVIEW WOMEN'S GIANT SLALOM SAALBACH-HINTERGLEMM – Sunday 17 Mar 2024

### Lara Gut-Behrami

- **Coming into Saalbach-Hinterglemm, Lara Gut-Behrami can still become the fourth woman to win a joint-record four World Cup classifications in a single season, after Lindsey Vonn (2009/10, 2011/12), Tina Maze (2012/13) and Mikaela Shiffrin (2018/19).**
- Gut-Behrami (745) holds a 95-point lead over Federica Brignone (650) in this season's World Cup giant slalom standings. This means Gut-Behrami is guaranteed to win the giant slalom crystal globe if she finishes inside the top 15.
- Gut-Behrami scored points in 20 of her last 21 World Cup giant slalom starts, with a DNF result in Åre on 10 March 2023 as the exception. She missed a gate early on in her first run.
- Gut-Behrami can become the first woman representing Switzerland to win the giant slalom crystal globe since Sonja Nef in 2000/01 and 2001/02.
- Marco Odermatt already claimed the giant slalom crystal globe on the men's side this season (he won all nine events so far). Switzerland can claim both giant slalom crystal globes in a single season for the first time since 1988/89 (Vreni Schneider and Pirmin Zurbriggen).
- Gut-Behrami (45) can equal Renate Götschl (46) in joint-fifth place for most World Cup wins among women.
- Gut-Behrami (4) can become the fourth Swiss woman to claim at least five World Cup giant slalom wins in a single season, after Vreni Schneider (6 in 1988/89), Sonja Nef (6 in 2000/01) and Lise-Marie Morerod (5 in 1976/77).

### Federica Brignone

- Federica Brignone stayed in contention for the women's giant slalom crystal globe by winning the penultimate giant slalom in this World Cup season, in Åre on 9 March. In order to win the crystal globe, Brignone needs to win in Saalbach-Hinterglemm and Gut-Behrami has to finish outside the top 15.
- Brignone could win the giant slalom crystal globe for the second time, after 2019/20. Deborah Compagnoni (1996/97), Denise Karbon (2007/08) and Marta Bassino (2020/21) are the other women representing Italy to have claimed this crystal globe.
- Brignone managed to win the giant slalom at the World Cup Final in 2016/17 (Aspen) and 2021/22 (Méribel).
- Brignone won two of her 11 World Cup giant slalom victories on Austrian snow: in Sölden on 24 October 2015 and in Lienz on 29 December 2017.

## Other contenders

- **Mikaela Shiffrin** (22) holds the record for most World Cup giant slalom wins on the women's side. This includes eight victories in Austria (also most for a woman).
- Shiffrin has not competed in a women's World Cup giant slalom event since 20 January, when she finished second in Jasná behind Sara Hector.
- **Sara Hector** can claim multiple World Cup giant slalom victories in a single season for the second time, after three wins in 2021/22.
- Among women representing Italy, only Deborah Compagnoni (13) and Federica Brignone (11) have celebrated more wins in World Cup giant slaloms than **Marta Bassino** (6, alongside Denise Karbon).
- **Ragnhild Mowinckel** and **Thea Louise Stjernesund** aim to become the first Norwegian woman to win a giant slalom World Cup since Mowinckel's victory in Ofterschwang on 9 March 2018.
- Besides Mowinckel, Andrine Flemmen (3) and Stina Hofgard Nilsen (1) are the other two women representing Norway to have achieved a World Cup victory in this discipline.
- Mowinckel will race her final World Cup giant slalom as she will retire after the World Cup Finals in Saalbach-Hinterglemm.
- **Alice Robinson** recorded two of her three World Cup wins in the last giant slalom of a World Cup season: in 2019/20 (Kransjka Gora) and 2020/21 (Lenzerheide).
- This will be the first women's World Cup giant slalom event in Saalbach-Hinterglemm since 23 March 1988, when Mateja Svet emerged victorious for Yugoslavia.

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