

PREVIEW WOMEN'S GIANT SLALOM ÅRE – Saturday 9 Mar 2024

Lara Gut-Behrami

- Lara Gut-Behrami continues her quest of becoming 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 (685 points) can clinch her first crystal globe of the season. Federico Brignone (550) is her only remaining rival for the giant slalom crystal globe.
- **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.**
- Switzerland has won this specific World Cup classification on the women's side a record 13 times. Austria is next up on 12 times.
- 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 (4) can become the fourth Swiss woman to claim at least five World Cup giant slalom wins in a single season, after Vreni Schneider (six in 1988/89), Sonja Nef (six in 2000/01) and Lisa-Marie Morerod (five in 1976/77)
- Gut-Behrami can win three consecutive women's World Cup giant slaloms for the first time.
- Gut-Behrami (45) can join Renate Götschl (46) in joint-fifth place for most World Cup wins among women.

Other contenders

- **Federica Brignone** (winner of the Kvitfjell super-G on 3 March) aims to win in successive World Cup starts for the third time. She previously achieved this in January 2020 (Altenmarkt/Zauchensee Alpine combined, Sestriere giant slalom) and earlier this season in December (two giant slalom wins in Tremblant).
- Brignone (25) has surpassed Sofia Goggia (24) as the Italian female alpine skier on most World Cup wins. Only Alberto Tomba (50) claimed as many WC victories for Italy as Brignone (25).
- Brignone only recorded as many World Cup podium finishes without ever winning in Kranjska Gora (3) as in Åre (two second places and one third place, all in giant slaloms).
- **Marta Bassino** set the fastest time in the first run in the most recent World Cup giant slalom event, in Soldeu on 10 February. She eventually finished sixth after recording the 15th time in the second run.

- **Alice Robnson** (born in 2001) and **AJ Hurt** (born in 2000) finished second and third respectively (behind Lara Gut-Behrami) in the most recent World Cup giant slalom event in Soldeu. This marked the first time two women born in the 21st century finished on the podium of a World Cup event.
- Robnson has won three individual World Cups (9 podiums). She can join Claudia Riegler (4, also New Zealand) on a record four wins among women representing Oceania. Robnson already has recorded the most podium finishes.
- Each of the last 118(!) World Cup wins by women representing USA were achieved by either Shiffrin (93) or Lindsey Vonn (25). This streak began after a victory by Alice Mckennis Duran in the St. Anton am Arlberg downhill on 12 January 2013.
- **Sara Hector** seeks to become the third Swedish woman to win a World Cup event on home snow, following wins by Anja Pärson (Åre giant slalom in 2003 and 2004, Åre downhill in 2006) and Maria Pietilä Holmner (Åre slalom in 2014).
- Hector can claim multiple World Cup giant slalom wins in a season for the second time, after three wins in 2021/22.
- **Ragnhild Mowinckel** and **Thea Louise Stjernesund** aim to be the first Norwegian woman to win a giant slalom World Cup since Mowinckel's 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).
- Stjernesund finished fifth in three out of four World Cup giant slalom events in 2024 (5th, 5th, 21st, 5th). Only Gut-Behrami and Robnson (both 3) recorded as many WC giant slalom top fives as Stjernesund this calendar year.

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