

PREVIEW WOMEN'S SLALOM SAALBACH-HINTERGLEMM – Saturday 16 Mar 2024

Mikaela Shiffrin

- Mikaela Shiffrin claimed her eighth slalom crystal globe by winning the Åre slalom on 10 March. It was her first World Cup race since her crash in the World Cup downhill in Cortina d'Ampezzo on 26 January.
- Shiffrin celebrated a record-extending 96th World Cup victory with that slalom win in Åre, including 59 victories in the slalom (also a record).
- Shiffrin celebrated her 29th birthday on Wednesday 13 March. She already claimed at least one World Cup victory at age 17 to 28.
- Shiffrin won six of the 10 women's World Cup slalom event this season. She only claimed more WC slalom victories in 2018/19 (8) and 2017/18 (7).
- Shiffrin won the last women's World Cup slalom of the season a record six times (Vreni Schneider did it five times), but not since 2018/19 (in Soldeu).
- Shiffrin has never competed in a World Cup event in Saalbach-Hinterglemm before. No skier has won as many World Cup events in Austria as Shiffrin (21, six more than Hermann Maier and Ingemar Stenmark).
- Shiffrin finished on the podium in 21 of her 24 World Cup slalom starts in Austria, including 13 victories.

Zrinka Ljusic

- Zrinka Ljusic finished runner-up in each of the last three women's World Cup slalom events: in Jasná, Soldeu and Åre.
- Ljusic is the first woman to have finished second in three consecutive World Cup slaloms since Mikaela Shiffrin had a streak of four second places in March-November 2020.
- Ljusic (20 years) can become the youngest woman to win a World Cup slalom event since then 20-year-old Shiffrin in Jasná in March 2016.
- Janica Kostelic is the only woman representing Croatia to have won World Cup events. Kostelic clinched 30 World Cup victories, including 20 in the slalom.
- Kostelic achieved her last World Cup wins in Åre on 17 March 2006 (slalom) and 18 March 2006 (giant slalom).
- This season, **Leona Popovic** (2nd in the slalom in Levi on 12 November 2023) also came close to claim Croatia's first World Cup victory on the women's side since 2006.

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- This marks the first women's World Cup slalom in Saalbach-Hinterglemm since 13 January 2002, when Laure Pequegnot emerged victorious for France.
- Besides Mikaela Shiffrin (6), only Petrá Vlhová (3) and **Anna Swenn-Larsson** (1, in Soldeu) won a women's World Cup slalom this season.
- Swenn-Larsson could become the first Swedish woman to win multiple World Cup slaloms in a single season since Anja Pärson in 2005/06 (3).
- Swenn-Larsson or **Sara Hector** could become the first Swedish woman to win a World Cup event in Austria since Frida Hansdotter triumphed in the Flachau slalom in January 2017.
- Thirteen of the last 14 women's World Cup slaloms in Austria were either won by Shiffrin (9) or Vlhová (4). The exception was **Michelle Gisin's** first place in Semmering on 29 December 2020.
- That slalom win in Semmering still is Michelle Gisin's only career World Cup victory to date.
- The last Swiss woman to win a World Cup slalom event was Wendy Holdener, who won two in a row in November-December 2022 (Killington and Sestrière).
- One of **Katharina Liensberger's** three career World Cup victories (all slaloms) was achieved at the 2020/21 World Cup Final in Lenzerheide.
- **Lena Dürr** eyes her second World Cup slalom victory, after she emerged victorious in Špindleruv Mlýn on 29 January 2023. Germany's Martina Ertl-Renz won the women's WC slalom in Saalbach-Hinterglemm in March 1998.

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