

FACTS & FIGURES – Women’s Giant Slalom in Kronplatz

- Current Giant Slalom season standings leader **Sara Hector (SWE/ Head)** is chasing her first ever Crystal Globe.
- This is 32-year-old Hector’s 16th season on the Audi FIS World Cup tour and her best previous effort was finishing 2nd in the GS in 2021/22. She won three GS World Cups that season and, having already won twice this season (in Killington and in the last race in Kranjska Gora) Hector has an opportunity to match her best season to date.
- And there may be nowhere better for her to do it than in Kronplatz, the Swede won here in 2022, was 3rd in 2023 (second race of a double-header) and 2nd equal with Alice Robinson in 2024.
- Anja Pärson was the last Swede to win a women’s GS Crystal Globe, claiming the last of her three titles in 2005/06.
- Since finishing 15th in the season opener in Sölden, Hector has gone 1st-2nd-1st.

- After tying with Hector for 2nd the last time the women raced GS in Kronplatz, **Alice Robinson (NZL/ Salomon)** is aiming to go one better. If she does she will match compatriot Claudia Riegler as New Zealand’s most successful Alpine skier.
- Robinson is yet to add to her three career World Cup victories this season, but she has come close. She finished just 0.17 seconds behind winner Federica Brignone in the Sölden season opener, and was 3rd in both the past two races (Semmering and Kranjska Gora).
- Robinson has never finished on a Crystal Globe podium but is currently tied for 2nd in the GS standings, alongside Brignone.
- She has been the most consistent women’s GS skier in the past season-and-a-half: in the eight races since lining up in Jasna in January 2024, Robinson has finished on the podium six times.

- Local favourite **Federica Brignone (ITA/Rossignol)** won the first ever women’s World Cup GS in Kronplatz, back in 2017. But since then she has only been on the podium twice more, when finishing 3rd in 2018 and 3rd in 2023 (first race of the double-header).
- It has been win or bust for Brignone this season, the Italian mixing two wins (Sölden and Semmering) with two DNFs.
- Brignone, 34, is the oldest women’s Alpine skiing World Cup winner, extending her record again in Semmering.
- Brignone has won 14 GS races, placing her equal fourth on the all-time women’s GS list. Win another GS and she will take fourth place outright.
- Despite Sofia Goggia’s (ITA/Atomic) recent Downhill win in Cortina D’Ampezzo, Brignone’s success this season has helped her stay ahead in the race to be Italy’s most successful female World Cup skier. Brignone currently has 31 victories to Goggia’s 26.
- Four wins this season (two in GS, one in Downhill and one in Super G) has helped Brignone to the top of the Overall standings.

- In the absence of three-time Kronplatz winner Mikaela Shiffrin (USA/Atomic) **Lara Gut-Behrami (SUI/ Head)** is the skier in the field with the best resort record. The Swiss skier won a year ago in Kronplatz and finished 2nd in 2023 (first race of the double-header) and 2021.

- Gut-Behrami has won nine World Cup GS races. If she makes it 10 (to go with 22 Super G and 13 Downhill wins) she will become the first woman to complete the Alpine skiing 'triple-double' – double-figure (10-plus) World Cup wins in three disciplines. Hermann Maier (AUT – 24 SG, 15 DH, 14 GS) and Pirmin Zurbriggen (SUI – 11 combined, 10 DH, 10 SG) are the only men to have done it.
- Gut-Behrami can win her 46th World Cup race in all disciplines to equal Renate Goetschl (AUT) in fifth place on the all-time women's list.
- After dominating the GS last season (four wins) Gut-Behrami has struggled this season, with 6th last time out in Kranjska Gora her best result.
- She is also yet to win a race in any discipline this season, in contrast to last season when she was victorious eight times.
- **Thea Louise Stjernesund (NOR/Rossignol)** has climbed to 4th in the GS Crystal Globe standings thanks to her consistency this season. She has been inside the top-10 in all four races so far.
- Stjernesund's next challenge is to turn that consistency into podium finishes. In her 53 World Cup GS races she has been on the podium just twice (3rd in Saalbach last season and 2nd in Soldeu the season before).
- No Norwegian has won in Kronplatz yet, with Ragnhild Mowinckel (NOR) coming closest when 2nd in 2023 (second race of the double-header).
- Second in the Overall standings, leading the Slalom rankings and eighth in the GS, **Camille Rast (SUI/ Head)** is enjoying the best season of her career so far.
- Third place in Killington is currently the only GS podium of the 25-year-old's career.
- To date Gut-Behrami is the only Swiss skier to finish on a GS podium in Kronplatz.