

PREVIEW WOMEN'S SUPER-G SAALBACH-HINTERGLEMM – Friday 22 Mar 2024

Lara Gut-Behrami

- Lara Gut-Behrami (540) enters the final World Cup super-G event of the season 69 points ahead of Cornelia Hütter (471) in the super-G standings. Gut-Behrami already claimed the overall and the giant slalom crystal globes.
- Gut-Behrami can become the first Swiss woman to win three different World Cup classifications in a single season since Vreni Schneider won the slalom, giant slalom and overall World Cup in 1994/95. Gut-Behrami also has a chance to clinch the downhill World Cup standings, with the final taking place on 23 March.
- **Gut-Behrami (4) aims to equal Lindsey Vonn and Katja Seizinger on a joint-record five crystal globes in the super-G on the women's side. Gut-Behrami lifted the trophy in 2013/14, 2015/16, 2020/21 and 2022/23.**
- Gut-Behrami can become the first woman to win the super-G crystal globe in successive seasons since Tina Weirather won in 2016/17 and 2017/18.
- Should Gut-Behrami secure the super-G crystal globe, it would mark the fourth time in the last five seasons that a Swiss woman has claimed the title (three by Gut-Behrami and one by Corinne Suter). This equals the total number of Swiss victories in the first 34 women's World Cup super-G seasons (wins by Maria Walliser, Michela Figini, and Gut-Behrami twice).
- Gut-Behrami (22) is second for most World Cup super-G wins among women, only trailing Lindsey Vonn (28). Gut-Behrami (39) sits third for most podium finishes, trailing only Vonn (46) and Renate Götschl (41).
- Gut-Behrami emerged victorious in the super-G in last season's World Cup Finals in Soldeu. She was joined on the podium by Federica Brignone and Ragnhild Mowinckel.
- This marks the third women's World Cup super-G event in Saalbach-Hinterglemm. Both of the previous two events were won by Swiss skiers: Maria Walliser in January 1987 and Heidi Zeller-Bähler in March 1995.

Federica Brignone

- Federica Brignone has won three out of the last four World Cup events she participated in, including the most recent super-G event in Kvitfjell (3 March).
- Brignone can become the first Italian woman to win successive World Cup super-G events.
- Brignone (466) is third in the super-G standings, 74 points behind Lara Gut-Behrami (540) and five points behind Cornelia Hütter (471). Brignone finished first or second in the super-G standings in each of the last four World Cup campaigns (2-2-1-2), including winning the crystal globe in 2021/22.

- Brignone (27) can surpass Maria Höfl-Riesch (27) in joint-14th place for most World Cup wins among women. Brignone (10) sits in joint-sixth place for most WC super-G wins alongside Michaela Dorfmeister (10).

Other contenders

- This will be **Ragnhild Mowinckel's** final super-G race of her career. She claimed two World Cup wins in this discipline: in Courchevel (17 March 2022) and Cortina d'Ampezzo (22 January 2023). She is the only Norwegian woman to have won multiple World Cup super-G events.
- **Cornelia Hütter** aims to win two World Cup events in a single season for the first time, she won the Altenmarkt/Zauchensee super-G on 12 January. Hütter (4) can record more than four super-G World Cup podiums in a single season for the first time.
- Hütter (471) is second in the super-G standings, 69 points behind Lara Gut-Behrami (540). Hütter can finish inside the top three of a World Cup standings for the first time. Her previous best results were fourth places in the super-G (2014/15, 2015/16) and downhill (2017/18).
- Hütter and **Stephanie Venier** (win in Crans-Montana on 18 February) hope to become the first Austrian woman to win multiple World Cup super-G events in a single season since Renate Götschl won four super-G events in 2006/07.
- **Mirjam Puchner** took the silver medal in this discipline at the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic Games. At World Cup level, she has never finished higher than third place in a super-G event: in Lake Louise in December 2021, in Altenmarkt in January 2024 and in Kvitfjell in March 2024.
- **Marta Bassino** (super-G world champion in 2023) seeks her first World Cup super-G victory. She recorded five podium finishes at World Cup level in this discipline so far (two second places, three third places).
- **Kajsa Vickhoff Lie** aims to record three podium finishes in a single World Cup season for the first time. Both her podiums this season came in super-G events (second places in Val d'Isère and Altenmarkt/Zauchensee).
- **Ester Ledecká**, who celebrates her 29th birthday on 23 March, is one short of her 10th World Cup podium finish. Among Czech alpine skiers, only Šárka Strachová (17) reached this milestone.
- **Lauren Macuga** (21 years and 262 days old on 22 March) aims to become the youngest woman to finish on the podium of a World Cup super-G event since a 19-year-old Lara Gut-Behrami finished third in Cortina d'Ampezzo on 23 January 2011.
- **Kira Weidle** is looking to become the first German woman to record a World Cup super-G podium finish since Viktoria Rebensburg won in Lake Louise on 8 December 2019.