

PREVIEW WOMEN'S GIANT SLALOM ÅRE – Friday 10 Mar 2023

Mikaela Shiffrin

- **Mikaela Shiffrin (85) could equal Ingemar Stenmark's (86) World Cup victories.** She has won four World Cup events in Åre (all in slalom events), but has yet to win a giant slalom here.
- Shiffrin claimed her first career World Cup victory Åre in a women's slalom on 20 December 2012.
- Mikaela Shiffrin (600) is over 100 points ahead of Lara Gut-Behrami (482) in the giant slalom World Cup rankings this season. A victory in this event in Åre would see her win the giant slalom World Cup rankings for the second time after 2019.
- Shiffrin's only gold medal at this year's world championships in Méribel came in this event. She had won silver-bronze-silver in the previous three world championships in giant slalom. Her four medals is the most at the world championships for a female skier in this event.
- **Shiffrin (19) can draw level with Vreni Schneider on a record 20 World Cup victories in the women's giant slalom.**
- Shiffrin has won five of the last six women's World Cup giant slalom events including each of the last three. The last woman to win four in a row was Anna Veith from December 2013-October 2014 (5).

Federica Brignone

- Federica Brignone won a silver medal in the women's giant slalom at this year's world championships in Méribel. Brignone is the only female alpine skier to stand on a giant slalom podium in both the last world championships and Olympic Winter Games (silver at Beijing 2022).
- Brignone (G0-S1-B1) has yet to win a World Cup giant slalom race this season. Since her first win in 2015/16 she has only failed to win a World Cup giant slalom race in 2020/21 (G0-S2-B0).
- Åre can become the first venue that Brignone has stood on each step of the podium in a World Cup giant slalom race. She finished second in 2012 and third in 2015.
- Brignone (32-239) can become the second-oldest women to win a World Cup giant slalom race. Anita Wachter (32-319) won in Lienz on 28 December 1999.

Overall crystal globe

- Mikaela Shiffrin sealed her fifth overall World Cup crystal globe after finishing in fifth place in the downhill at Kvitfjell last weekend. Only Annemarie Moser-Pröll has more (6).
- Shiffrin (1,828) has an 821 points lead over second-placed Lara Gut-Behrami (1,007). The last time there was a larger margin at the end of a season was when Shiffrin (2,204) won the overall crystal globe in 2018/19 with an 849 points lead over Petra Vlhová (1,355).

- Shiffrin's 1,828 points is already more than she had in three of her previous four overall World Cup crystal globe wins. The exception was 2018/19 (2,204).
- **Lara Gut-Behrami** (1,007) goes into this weekend only 32 points ahead of Vihová (975). Gut-Behrami previously won the overall World Cup crystal globe in 2015/16.
- **Petra Vihová** will be looking to secure her fifth successive overall World Cup top-three finish (she won in 2021). She is 126 points ahead of Federica Brignone in fourth.

Other contenders

- Lara Gut-Behrami (482) is over 100 points behind Mikaela Shiffrin (600) in the women's World Cup giant slalom rankings this season. She needs to claim at least 18 more points than Shiffrin in this event to keep alive her chances of winning the giant slalom ranking.
- Gut-Behrami won the first women's World Cup giant slalom race of the year in Killington on 26 November 2022 but has failed to win a World Cup giant slalom race since then; 7th-7th-2nd-5th-3rd-2nd-5th.
- **Sara Hector** won the women's giant slalom at the Olympic Winter Games in 2022. She can become only the second Swedish winner of a women's World Cup giant slalom race in Åre after Anja Pärson (2003, 2004).
- Hector can become only the second Swedish women's alpine skier to finish on the podium twice in a World Cup giant slalom race in Åre after Pärson (5). Hector finished second on 12 December 2014 behind Tina Maze.
- **Marta Bassino** did not compete in Kvitfjell due to a family bereavement. Bassino made the podium in her first five World Cup giant slalom events of this season but only has a best finish of fifth in the last three.
- **Ragnhild Mowinckel** won a bronze medal in this event at the recent world championships and finished fifth in the Olympic giant slalom in Beijing. Mowinckel's second place in Kronplatz on 25 January was Norway's most recent World Cup podium in this event since a second place by Mina Fürst Holtmann in Courchevel on 17 December 2019.
- Mowinckel is the last Norwegian woman to win a giant slalom World Cup, in Ofterschwang in March 2018.
- Petra Vihová's six World Cup giant slalom victories have come in six different venues. Åre could become the first venue where she has multiple giant slalom wins. She won here in March 2022.

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