

PREVIEW WOMEN'S SLALOM SEMMERING – Thursday 29 Dec 2022

Mikaela Shiffrin

- Mikaela Shiffrin (49 wins in slalom) can become the first alpine skier to win 50 World Cup events in a specific discipline. Her tally of 49 wins in the slalom is already a record (Ingemar Stenmark won 46 in the men's giant slalom).
- Shiffrin won the first two slalom events of this World Cup season, in Levi. After those wins, she finished fifth in Killington and second in Sestriere.
- Shiffrin won the women's World Cup slalom event in Semmering in 2016 and 2018. In 2020, she finished third in the slalom at this venue.
- Coming into Semmering, Shiffrin had won 77 World Cup events, closing in on the all-time women's record by Lindsey Vonn (82).

Wendy Holdener

- Wendy Holdener won each of the last two women's World Cup slalom events, including a shared win with Anna Swenn-Larsson in Killington. For Holdener, these were her first victories in World Cup slalom events, after she recorded 30 podium finishes (15 times second and 15 times third).
- Holdener became the first Swiss woman to win back-to-back World Cup slalom events since Vreni Schneider in 1994 (six in a row).

Other contenders

- **Petra Vlhová** has won 17 World Cup slalom events, joint-sixth among women alongside Anja Pärson. Janica Kostelic is fifth all-time on 20 wins.
- Since the beginning of last season, Vlhová finished in the top four in all 13 women's World Cup slalom events, including 11 podium finishes (at least three more than any other woman in this period).
- **Anna Swenn-Larsson** won the women's World Cup slalom event in Killington this season, a shared win with Wendy Holdener on 27 November. The last Swedish woman to win multiple World Cup slalom events in a single season was Pärson in 2005/06 (3).
- **Lena Dürr** has recorded four podium finishes in the women's World Cup slalom, but has yet to win one. The last German woman to win a World Cup slalom event was Maria Höfl-Riesch who won in Levi on 10 November 2012.
- **Hanna Aronsson Elfman** celebrates her 20th birthday on the day of this event (29 December). The last woman to finish on the podium in a World Cup slalom event on her birthday was Mikaela Shiffrin, when she finished second in Åre on 13 March 2021 (her 26th birthday).
- Aronsson Elfman can become the youngest Swedish woman on the podium of a World Cup slalom event since Pärson in 2001.
- **Ana Bucik** has finished 11 times in the top 10 of a women's World Cup slalom event, but has yet to finish on the podium. Since the start of the 2015/16 season, only one Slovenian woman claimed a podium finish in a



World Cup slalom event: a win by Andreja Slokar in Courchevel on 19 March 2022.

- **Michelle Gisin** won the most recent women's World Cup slalom event in Semmering. On 29 December 2020, she won ahead of Katharina Liensberger and Mikaela Shiffrin.
- The last **Austrian woman** to win a World Cup slalom event in Semmering was Marlies Schild on 29 December 2010.

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