

PREVIEW WOMEN'S GIANT SLALOM SOLDEU – Sunday 19 Mar 2023

Mikaela Shiffrin

- Mikaela Shiffrin (87) surpassed Ingemar Stenmark (86) as the alpine skier with the most World Cup event wins last week in Åre. **Note:** this preview is written before the slalom event in Soldeu.
- **Shiffrin (20) can surpass Vreni Schneider (20) as the woman with the most World Cup event wins in the giant slalom.**
- Shiffrin has won six giant slalom events this season. The only alpine skier (male or female) to record more than six giant slalom victories in a single season is Ingemar Stenmark: 10 in 1978/79. **Note:** Marco Odermatt can also win seven giant slalom World Cup events this season.
- Shiffrin can become the first woman since Anna Veith (5 between December 2013 and October 2014) to win five successive giant slalom events in the women's World Cup.
- Shiffrin had already secured the crystal globe in the slalom, giant slalom and the overall coming into Soldeu.
- Coming into the final two events in Soldeu, Shiffrin (2,046) has an 879-point lead over second-placed Lara Gut-Behrami (1,167). The only time there was a larger margin at the end of a season was when Tina Maze (2,414) won the overall crystal globe in 2012/13 1,313 points ahead of Maria Höfl-Riesch (1,101).
- Shiffrin's 2,046 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).
- Shiffrin has won a total of 13 World Cup events this season. Only Shiffrin herself (17 in 2018/19) and Vreni Schneider (14 in 1988/89) have won more in a single season.

Other contenders

- Only 11 points separate the four women who currently occupy the second to fifth place in the giant slalom standings: Petra Vlhová (486), Lara Gut-Behrami (482), Federica Brignone (476) and Marta Bassino (475). Even sixth-placed Sara Hector (393) could still make the podium in the final standings.
- **Federica Brignone** has finished on the podium in the giant slalom standings once in her career, when she claimed the crystal globe in 2019/20.
- Brignone (G0-S2-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).
- Brignone (32-248) 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.

- **Lara Gut-Behrami** has one podium finish in the giant slalom standings, a third place in 2015/16. That was also the last time a Swiss woman finished in the top three of this crystal globe standings.
- 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-DNF.
- **Marta Bassino** claimed the giant slalom crystal globe in 2020/21. That is also the only season in which she finished in the top three in the giant slalom standings.
- 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 four.
- **Petra Vlhová** finished on the podium in the giant slalom standings twice before: second places in 2018/19 and 2019/20. She finished sixth and fourth in the last two seasons respectively.
- Vlhová's six World Cup giant slalom victories have come in six different venues. She finished third in the giant slalom in Soldeu in March 2019.

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