

## PREVIEW WOMEN'S SLALOM SOLDEU – Saturday 18 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. She recorded 53 of her 87 wins in the slalom, a record for most wins in a single event.
- Shiffrin has already secured the crystal globe in the slalom, giant slalom and the overall coming into 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.
- Shiffrin finished in the top two in nine of the 10 women's slalom events in this season's World Cup (6 wins, 3 second places), only missing out on a podium finish in Killington (fifth place).
- Shiffrin can claim seven slalom wins in a World Cup season for the third time, after eight in 2018/19 and seven in 2017/18.
- Shiffrin can become the second alpine skier to finish top-two in a specific event 10 times in a World Cup season, after Stenmark's 10 wins in the giant slalom in 1978/79.
- Shiffrin also won the slalom event in Soldeu in 2019, when the 2018/19 World Cup season finals were held at the resort. No alpine skier has won a specific event more than once in Soldeu.

### Wendy Holdener

- Wendy Holdener (2) is the only alpine skier other than Mikaela Shiffrin (6) to claim multiple women's World Cup slalom victories this season.
- Before her wins in Killington and Sestriere this season Holdener had achieved 30 World Cup podiums in the slalom without ever standing on the top step (G0-S15-B15).
- Holdener (610) has an 80-point lead over Petra Vlhová (530) in third place in the slalom standings. She has finished second in the slalom standings once before, in 2017/18. Since then she finished 3rd-4th-5th-5th in the slalom standings.
- Holdener can become the first Swiss woman to win three slalom World Cups in a season since Vreni Schneider in 1994/95 (4).

## Other contenders

- The women's slalom event will be held in Soldeu for the third time. Marlies Schild won in February 2012, Mikaela Shiffrin was triumphant in March 2019.
- **Petra Vlhová** (530) sits third in the slalom standings, 80 points behind Wendy Holdener and 55 points and 60 points ahead of Lena Dürr and Anna Swenn-Larsson respectively. Vlhová recorded podium finishes in the slalom standings in each of the past four seasons, claiming two crystal globes: 2nd-1st-3rd-1st.
- Vlhová is the reigning Olympic champion in this event (Mikaela Shiffrin recorded a DNF). Vlhová has won one slalom World Cup this season, beating Shiffrin into second place in Flachau on 10 January.
- **Lena Dürr** (4th, 55 points behind third place) could still finish on the podium in the slalom standings. Last season Dürr finished on the podium in the slalom standings (third), which marked her first podium finish in a World Cup standings.
- Dürr won the bronze medal at the world championships in Méribel on 18 February. Dürr won her maiden World Cup slalom event at Špindlerův Mlýn on 29th January at age 31. At the age of 31 years and 178 days she became the oldest German woman to win a World Cup event.
- **Anna Swenn-Larsson** comes into Soldeu in fifth in the slalom standings, 60 points behind the podium. The last Swedish woman to finish on the podium in the slalom standings was Frida Hansdotter in 2017/18 (behind Shiffrin and Holdener).
- Swenn-Larsson (one win in 2022/23) can become the first Swedish woman to win multiple World Cup slalom events in a single season since Anja Pärson in 2005/06 (3).
- Swenn-Larsson's best slalom standings finish is a fourth place in 2018/19.
- **Laurence St-Germain** won the world title in the women's slalom at the world championships in Méribel on 18 February. Her best World Cup event finish in slalom is a fifth place in Åre last week.
- St-Germain could become the first Canadian women to finish on a World Cup slalom podium since Marie-Michèle Gagnon (3rd) in Crans-Montana in February 2016.

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