

## PREVIEW WOMEN'S GIANT SLALOM SÖLDEN – Saturday 22 Oct 2022

### Tessa Worley

- Tessa Worley secured last year's giant slalom crystal globe at the World Cup Finals in Courchevel/Méribel. It marked her second World Cup title, after winning the giant slalom standings in 2016/17.
- Worley could become the first woman to successfully defend her giant slalom globe since Anna Veith in 2013/14 and 2014/15.
- There are five female skiers to have claimed at least three crystal globes in the giant slalom: Vreni Schneider (5), Annemarie Moser-Pröll (3), Lise-Marie Morerod (3), Anja Pärson (3) and Viktoria Rebensburg (3). Worley is the only active skier who could join them.
- Worley is level with Moser-Pröll (both 16) in second place on the women's list for most World Cup giant slalom wins. Schneider (20) holds the women's record.
- Worley has claimed her 16 World Cup giant slalom wins in 10 different seasons, already a record number among women. On the men's side, Ingemar Stenmark (12) and Ted Ligety (10) have picked up a giant slalom victory in as many as 10 different World Cup seasons.
- Worley finished on three World Cup podiums in the giant slalom in Sölden: second in 2017/18, first in 2018/19 and third in 2019/20. She placed eighth in last year's race.

### Mikaela Shiffrin

- Mikaela Shiffrin is the only woman to finish in the top three of the giant slalom standings in each of the last six World Cup seasons (2nd-3rd-1st-3rd-2nd-3rd).
- Shiffrin has won 74 World Cup events, ranking her in third place all-time behind Ingemar Stenmark (86) and Lindsey Vonn (82). Of those 74 wins, Shiffrin claimed 14 in the giant slalom.
- Shiffrin (10) could equal the women's record of winning at least one World Cup event in 11 successive seasons, by Vreni Schneider (1984/85 to 1994/95) and Renate Götschl (1996/97 to 2006/07).
- Shiffrin can become the fourth woman to pick up at least 15 World Cup victories in the giant slalom, after Schneider (20), Annemarie Moser-Pröll (16) and Tessa Worley (16).
- Shiffrin took victory in the Sölden giant slalom in 2014/15 (shared win with Anna Veith) and 2021/22. The win in 2014/15 was her first career World Cup win in the giant slalom.
- Shiffrin can equal Tina Maze on a women's record three World Cup giant slalom wins in Sölden. She could also become the first woman to win the Sölden giant slalom in successive World Cup seasons.

## Other contenders

- In only two of the previous seven World Cup seasons, the winner of the season opener in Sölden also ended up winning the giant slalom crystal globe: Viktoria Rebensburg in 2017/18 and Marta Bassino in 2020/21.
- **Sara Hector** was leading last season's giant slalom standings coming into the World Cup Finals in Courchevel/Méribel, but a 14th place in the French ski resort reduced her to a second place in the classification. The only Swedish winner of the women's giant slalom globe is Anja Pärson (2002/03, 2003/04, 2005/06).
- Hector claimed three World Cup giant slalom wins last season, most of all women. The Swede also picked up Olympic gold in this discipline in Beijing.
- **Petra Vlhová** and **Federica Brignone** have both claimed at least one World Cup victory in each of the previous seven seasons. Only Mikaela Shiffrin (last 10) has a longer season-winning run among women.
- Brignone won the giant slalom in Courchevel/Méribel at last season's World Cup Finals. She could win successive World Cup giant slalom events for the first time.
- Brignone has claimed 20 World Cup victories in all disciplines (8 in giant slalom), a record among Italian women. Her first career World Cup win came in the Sölden giant slalom on 24 October 2015.
- **Marta Bassino** celebrated her first career World Cup podium, a third place, in the giant slalom in Sölden on 22 October 2016. The Italian won the event in Sölden in 2020/21, the season in which she ended up lifting the giant slalom globe.
- **Lara Gut-Behrami** won the Sölden giant slalom in the 2013/14 and 2016/17 World Cup, and she finished runner-up to Shiffrin in last season's opener. The win in 2013/14 was her first career World Cup win in the giant slalom. Gut-Behrami's win in Sölden on 22 October 2016 is the last World Cup giant slalom win by a **Swiss** woman.
- Gut-Behrami can equal Tina Maze on a women's record three World Cup giant slalom wins in Sölden.
- Gut-Behrami (11) can become the third woman to claim at least one World Cup win in 12 different seasons, after Renate Götschl (14) and Lindsey Vonn (13).
- **Austria's** last World Cup win in the women's giant slalom was achieved by Eva-Maria Brem in Jasná on 7 March 2016.

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