

## PREVIEW WOMEN'S SLALOM ZAGREB – Wednesday 4 Jan 2023

### Mikaela Shiffrin

- **Mikaela Shiffrin (80 World Cup event wins) is closing in on Lindsey Vonn (82) as record holder among women. The only man to have won as many World Cup events is Ingemar Stenmark (86).**
- Shiffrin won the last four events in the women's World Cup: a super-G in St.Moritz on 18 December, two giant slaloms in Semmering on 27 and 28 December and a slalom in Semmering on 29 December.
- The last woman to win five successive World Cup events was Shiffrin herself in January 2018. That run included a slalom win in Zagreb on 3 January 2018.
- The only female alpine skiers to win six successive World Cup events are Vreni Schneider (8 in 1988/89) and Katja Seizinger (6 in November-December 1997).
- Shiffrin claimed her 50th World Cup slalom win last week, more than any other alpine skier in a specific event. Only Ingemar Stenmark (81 in men's slalom & 72 in men's giant slalom) has as many podium finishes in a specific event as Shiffrin in the women's slalom (70).
- Shiffrin (4) is one short of equalling Marcel Hirscher (5) for most World Cup wins in Zagreb. Shiffrin's most recent win here was a slalom on 5 January 2019.

### Petra Vlhová

- Petra Vlhová is on a record-run of winning the first World Cup event of the calendar year on four consecutive occasions (2019-2022). This run includes slalom wins in Zagreb in the last three years.
- Only Shiffrin (4) and Marlies Schild (4) won as many women's World Cup events in Zagreb as Vlhová (3).
- Vlhová finished in the top-four in the last 14 World Cup slalom events she started in. This includes five wins, but not since she won three slalom events in a row in Lienz, Zagreb and Kranjska Gora in December 2021-January 2022.

### Other contenders

- **Paula Moltzan** finished second behind Shiffrin in the last slalom in Semmering. It was the first one-two finish by a country in a women's World Cup slalom since Veronika Velez-Zuzulová (1st) and Petra Vlhová (2nd) finished first and second for Slovakia in Zagreb on 3 January 2017.
- The second place in the Semmering slalom was Moltzan's second podium finish in a World Cup event, after a second place in the parallel giant slalom in Lech on 26 November 2020.
- The last USA woman not named Shiffrin or Vonn to win a World Cup event was Alice McKennis Duran in a downhill on 12 January 2013 in St. Anton am Arlberg.

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- **Wendy Holdener** won two World Cup slalom events this season, 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).
- Swenn-Larsson can become the first Swedish woman to win multiple World Cup slalom events in a single season since Anja Pärson in 2005/06 (3).
- **Lena Dürr** has recorded five podium finishes in women's World Cup slalom events, 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.
- **Katharina Liensberger** finished on the podium in each of the last three World Cup slalom events in Zagreb. Liensberger's most recent podium finish in a World Cup event was a slalom win in Åre on 12 March 2022.
- The 18-year-old **Zrinka Ljutic** finished sixth in the slalom in Semmering last week. Ljutic (18y-343d on 4 January) can become the youngest woman to finish on the podium in a World Cup slalom since Shiffrin (18y-307d) won in Flachau on 14 January 2014.
- The last Croatian woman to finish on the podium of a World Cup slalom was Ana Jelusic (3rd in Panorama, 25 November 2007). Jelusic (2nd in 2007) and Janica Kostelic (3rd in 2006) are the two Croatian women to claim a podium result in a World Cup slalom in Zagreb.

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