

PREVIEW Ladies' SLALOM – Saturday 16 Mar 2019

Mikaela Shiffrin

- Mikaela Shiffrin has already secured the ladies' slalom crystal globe, her sixth in this discipline. She joined Ingemar Stenmark (8), Vreni Schneider (6) and Marcel Hirscher (6, incl. 2019) on at least six wins in the slalom classification.
- Shiffrin (39) could equal Stenmark on an all-time record 40 World Cup slalom race victories.
- Shiffrin could become the third alpine skier to win at least 40 World Cup races in a single event, after Stenmark (46 in giant slalom, 40 in slalom) and Lindsey Vonn (43 in downhill).
- The last 19 ladies' World Cup slalom races were either won by Shiffrin (15) or Petra Vlhová (4). Frida Hansdotter was the last skier other than Shiffrin or Vlhová to win a ladies' slalom race as she won in Flachau on 10 January 2017.
- Shiffrin (7) can become the second skier, male or female, to win eight World Cup slalom races in a single season. Janica Kostelic set the all-time record of eight in 2000/01.
- Shiffrin has recorded a top-three finish in 20 of the last 21 World Cup slalom races, including in each of the last 10, with the only exception a DNF in Lenzerheide on 28 January 2018.
- Shiffrin could become the fourth woman to record 11 successive slalom podiums in the World Cup, after Erika Hess (13), Kostelic (11) and Schneider (11).

Petra Vlhová

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- Vlhová has won five slalom races in total in the World Cup, a record among women representing Slovakia.
- Vlhová finished in second place behind Shiffrin in the first five World Cup slalom races this season.
- Vlhová could become the first woman to finish runner-up six times in a single event in one World Cup season. She now shares the record of five with Regina Häusl (downhill in 1999/2000) and Marilyn Cochran (giant slalom in 1968/69).

Frida Hansdotter

- Frida Hansdotter has announced her retirement from the sport. She will appear in her last slalom race in the World Cup.

- Hansdotter has collected 35 career World Cup podium finishes: 34 in the slalom and one in a city event.
- Hansdotter's four World Cup victories all came in the slalom - in Kranjska Gora (2 February 2014), Flachau (13 January 2015), Lienz (29 December 2015) and Flachau (10 January 2017).
- Hansdotter won Olympic gold (2018) and the crystal globe (2016) in the slalom. She also claimed three world championships medals in this event, silver in 2015 and bronze in 2013 and 2017.
- Hansdotter finished in second place in the only previous World Cup slalom race held in Soldeu, on 11 February 2012. It was her second career World Cup podium.
- At the age of 33, Hansdotter could become the oldest woman to win a slalom race in the World Cup. The record is held by Marlies Schild who won in Lienz in December 2013 at age 32 years and 212 days.

The other contenders

- **Wendy Holdener** has collected 21 World Cup podium finishes in the slalom, but has yet to claim her first victory. This is currently the record for most World Cup podiums in a single event without winning, three more than Hubert Strolz (18) in the men's giant slalom.
- The last woman from Switzerland to win a World Cup race in the slalom was Marlies Öster in Berchtesgaden on 20 January 2002 (shared win with USA's Kristina Koznick). This is the longest winning drought for the nation in a World Cup ladies' slalom race (154 races).
- The ladies' slalom is also the event in which Switzerland is waiting the longest for a World Cup victory (excl. parallel events).
- **Bernadette Schild** (third in Levi) and **Katharina Liensberger** (third in Flachau) finished on a slalom podium for Austria this World Cup season. The last Austrian woman to win a World Cup slalom race was Nicole Hosp in Aspen on 30 November 2014.
- **Anna Swenn-Larsson** won silver in the ladies' slalom on home snow at the 2019 world championships in Åre.
- Swenn-Larsson can become the ninth Swedish woman to win a World Cup slalom race, and the first since Frida Hansdotter won in Flachau on 10 January 2017.

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