

PREVIEW WOMEN'S GIANT SLALOM – KRANJSKA GORA Saturday 15 Feb 2020

Federica Brignone

- Federica Brignone won two of the last three World Cup giant slalom events: in Courchevel on 17 December and in Sestriere on 18 January (shared win with Petra Vlhová).
- The last Italian woman to win successive giant slalom events in the World Cup was Denise Karbon who won four in a row from October 2007 to January 2008.
- Karbon was also the last Italian woman to win at least three giant slaloms in a World Cup season as she won five in 2007/08.
- Brignone has won seven World Cup events in the giant slalom, second-most among Italian women behind Deborah Compagnoni (13).
- Brignone can become the first Italian woman to win a World Cup race in Kranjska Gora.

Petra Vlhová

- Petra Vlhová shared the win with Federica Brignone in the Sestriere giant slalom on 18 January. It was her fourth World Cup win in this discipline.
- Vlhová could win successive World Cup events in the giant slalom for the second time, after winning in Maribor and Špindleruv Mlýn last year.
- Vlhová has won four World Cup events this season, one shy of her personal record: five in 2018/19.

Mikaela Shiffrin

- Mikaela Shiffrin finished third in the World Cup giant slalom in Sestriere on 18 January, only 0.01 seconds behind winners Federica Brignone and Petra Vlhová.
- Shiffrin (11) could enter the women's top-10 for most World Cup wins in the giant slalom. Hanni Wenzel is in 10th place on 12 wins.
- Shiffrin has won 66 World Cup races, one shy of Marcel Hirscher (67) in third place on the all-time list behind Lindsey Vonn (82) and Ingemar Stenmark (86).
- Shiffrin won the last two women's World Cup events held in Kranjska Gora, a giant slalom and slalom in January 2018. She can become the first woman to win three World Cup events in the Slovenian ski resort.

Other contenders

- **Italian women** have won three giant slalom events this World Cup season: Federica Brignone (Courchevel, Sestriere) and Marta Bassino (Killington). The last time Italy won at least four women's giant slalom events in one World Cup season was in 2007/08 (5).

- **Bassino** (23 years) can become the second Italian woman to win multiple World Cup giant slalom events before her 24th birthday, after Deborah Compagnoni (3).
- **Alice Robinson** (18 years) can become the first teenager to win multiple giant slaloms in a single World Cup season since Mateja Svet in 1987/88 (2 at age 19).
- Robinson can become the second alpine skier representing New Zealand to win multiple World Cup events, after Claudia Riegler (4, all slalom).
- **Mina Fürst Holtmann** claimed her first World Cup podium when she finished second in the Courchevel giant slalom in December.
- The last Norwegian woman to win a giant slalom race in the World Cup was Ragnhild Mowinckel in Ofterschwang on 9 March 2018.
- **Tessa Worley** could make her first World Cup appearance in the giant slalom since she finished eighth in Lienz on 28 December. Worley has won 13 giant slalom events in the World Cup, one shy of Anita Wachter, Viktoria Rebensburg, Tina Maze and Lise-Marie Morerod (all 14) in third place on the all-time women's list.
- **Wendy Holdener** finished third in the Courchevel giant slalom on 17 December, her first World Cup podium in this discipline. The last Swiss woman to finish in the top two of a World Cup giant slalom event was Lara Gut-Behrami when she won in Sölden on 22 October 2016.
- **Austrian women** have won a record 93 giant slalom races in the World Cup, but not since Eva-Maria Brem won in Jasná in March 2016.
- Austria has failed to win the last 31 women's World Cup races in the giant slalom, their second-longest winning drought in this event, after an 84-race drought from 1978 to 1989.
- The last **Slovenian woman** to reach the podium in a World Cup giant slalom event held in Slovenia was Ana Drev (2nd) in Maribor on 30 January 2016.

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