

PREVIEW Women's GIANT SLALOM ÅRE – Friday 13 Mar 2020

Federica Brignone

- Federica Brignone can become the first Italian woman to win the overall crystal globe. The last Italian man to win the overall crystal globe was Alberto Tomba in 1994/95.
- Brignone can become the third Italian woman to win the giant slalom crystal globe after Deborah Compagnoni (1997) and Denise Karbon (2008).
- Brignone can become the first Italian woman to claim multiple crystal globes in a World Cup season. The last Italian man to achieve this was Alberto Tomba in 1994/95.
- Brignone (2) and Alice Robinson (2) are the only women to have won multiple World Cup giant slalom races this season. Brignone never won three World Cup giant slalom races in one season.
- The last Italian woman to claim at least three World Cup victories in the giant slalom in one season was Karbon (5) in 2007/08.
- Ahead of the events in Åre, Federica Brignone (15) was one shy of equalling Deborah Compagnoni (16) on most World Cup wins among Italian women. She was in joint-second place alongside Isolde Kostner (15).

Alice Robinson

- Alice Robinson won the last World Cup giant slalom race, in Kranjska Gora on 15 February.
- Only Robinson (2) and Federica Brignone (2) have been victorious in multiple World Cup giant slalom races this season.
- Eighteen-year-old Robinson can become the first teenager to win three giant slalom events in a World Cup season since Tamara McKinney (3) in 1980/81.
- The women to have won at least three giant slalom races in the World Cup before their 19th birthday are Annemarie Moser-Pröll (7), Christa Kinshofer-Güthlein (5), Michele Jacot (4), Françoise Macchi (3) and McKinney (3).
- Robinson (18 years, 103 days on 13 March) can become the fourth-youngest woman to reach three giant slalom race wins in the World Cup, after Moser-Pröll (17-349 in 1971), Jacot (17-364 in 1970) and Kinshofer-Güthlein (18-013 in 1979).
- Robinson can become the second alpine skier representing New Zealand to win at least three World Cup events, after Claudia Riegler (4, all slalom).

Petra Vlhová

- Prior to this World Cup season, no alpine skier representing Slovakia, male or female, had ever won a crystal globe. Petra Vlhová is ranked second in the giant slalom standings, 74 points behind leader Federica Brignone.
- Vlhová shared the win with Brignone in the Sestriere giant slalom on 18 January. It was her fourth World Cup win in this discipline.

- Vlhová finished in the top six in each of the last five World Cup giant slalom races, following a 14th place in Sölden on 26 October.
- Vlhová won her first World Cup event in Åre, the slalom on 13 December 2015.

Mikaela Shiffrin

- Mikaela Shiffrin can become the first woman to win the giant slalom crystal globe in successive seasons since Anna Veith in 2013/14-2014/15.
- Shiffrin won the last three overall crystal globes and could become the second woman to win the overall in four successive seasons, after Annemarie Moser-Pröll from 1970/71 to 1974/75 (5 in a row).
- Only Moser-Pröll (6) and Lindsey Vonn (4) won the women's overall crystal globe at least four times.
- Prior to this weekend, Shiffrin had 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 was only 17 years old when she was victorious in the slalom event in Åre on 20 December 2012. This marked her first of those 66 World Cup wins in her career.
- 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.
- Ahead of the events in Åre, Shiffrin had claimed four World Cup victories in this ski resort, a joint-personal record. She had never won five World Cup events in a single 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).
- **Wendy Holdener** finished third in the Courchevel and Kranjska Gora giant slaloms this World Cup season, her first podiums in this discipline.
- The last Swiss woman to win a World Cup giant slalom event was Lara Gut-Behrami when she won in Sölden on 22 October 2016.
- **Tessa 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.
- **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 32 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 only Austrian woman to claim a podium in the giant slalom this World Cup season was **Katharina Liensberger** in Lienz on 28 December (third).
- The last **Swedish woman** to reach the podium in a World Cup giant slalom event was Sara Hector when she won in Kühtai on 28 December 2014.