

PREVIEW WOMEN'S PARALLEL LECH – Thursday 26 Nov 2020

- The women's parallel (giant slalom) event will be contested for the second time in the World Cup, after Sestriere on 19 January 2020.
- Lech will host a women's World Cup event for the fourth time, after a super-G on 9 January 1988 (Zoe Haas won), a slalom on 30 November 1991 (Vreni Schneider won) and a slalom on 1 December 1991 (Blanca Fernández Ochoa won).
- This will be the first ever World Cup event with a knockout format (parallel, city event) to be contested in Austria.
- **Mikaela Shiffrin** (66) is one shy of equalling Marcel Hirscher (67) in third place for most World Cup race wins. Only Ingemar Stenmark (86) and Lindsey Vonn (82) have won more.
- Shiffrin has won a World Cup event at every ski resort scheduled to host a technical event (parallel, giant slalom, slalom) this season, except for Lech: Sölden (1 win), Levi (4), Courchevel (4), Semmering (4), Zagreb (4), Flachau (3), Maribor (4), Kronplatz (1), Jasná (1), Åre (4), Lenzerheide (2).
- Shiffrin already holds the women's records for the most World Cup wins (12) and the most World Cup podiums (25) in Austria.
- Shiffrin (5) and **Petra Vlhová** (2) are the only women to have won multiple World Cup events with a knockout format (parallel, city event).
- Vlhová won the city event in Oslo on 1 January 2019 and the parallel slalom in St. Moritz on 15 December 2019.
- Vlhová has won three World Cup events in Austria, joint most for her in a specific country (also 3 in Finland). Her eight World Cup podiums on Austrian snow are at least three more than she managed in any other country.
- **Federica Brignone** can become the first Italian woman to win a World Cup event in four different disciplines. She has already won races in the giant slalom (7), Alpine combined (5) and super-G (3). Deborah Compagnoni won World Cup races in the giant slalom (13), super-G (2) and slalom (1).
- Brignone (15) is one shy of equalling the record for most World Cup race wins by an Italian woman, held by Deborah Compagnoni (16). Brignone now shares second place with Isolde Kostner (15).
- Brignone achieved four of her 15 World Cup wins on Austrian snow, joint most for her in a specific country (also 4 in Switzerland).
- Marta Bassino (3rd), Brignone (4th) and Sofia Goggia (5th) all finished in the top five in the parallel giant slalom in Sestriere on 29 February 2020. An Italian woman has yet to win a World Cup event with a knockout format (parallel, city event).
- **Alice Robinson** can become the second alpine skier representing New Zealand to win at least three World Cup events, after Claudia Riegler (4, all slalom).

- **Elisa Mörzinger** (2nd) collected her first and to date only World Cup podium finish in the parallel giant slalom event in Sestriere on 29 February 2020.
- An Austrian woman has not won a World Cup technical event (parallel, giant slalom, slalom) in Austria since Anna Veith in the Sölden giant slalom on 25 October 2014.

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