

PREVIEW WOMEN'S GIANT SLALOM KRANJSKA GORA – 16-17 Jan 2021

Marta Bassino

- Marta Bassino won the first two women's giant slalom World Cup races this season, in Sölden on 17 October and in Courchevel on 12 December.
- She then failed to finish in a second race in Courchevel, on 14 December, won by Mikaela Shiffrin, before seeing a December 28th race in Semmering cancelled due to strong winds.
- Bassino now finds herself in second place in the giant slalom World Cup standings, trailing compatriot Federica Brignone by five points.
- Marta Bassino has won three career World Cup races, all in the giant slalom.
- No Italian woman has won at least three women's World Cup giant slalom races in a single season since 2007/08, when Denise Karbon set a national record winning five.
- The last World Cup giant slalom race in which Bassino finished, yet did not win, was last season's contest in Kranjska Gora where she came fifth.

Mikaela Shiffrin

- In Flachau on Tuesday, Mikaela Shiffrin became the eighth alpine skier to claim 100 World Cup podiums in all disciplines, joining Ingemar Stenmark (155), Marcel Hirscher (138), Lindsey Vonn (137), Annemarie Moser-Pröll (114), Renate Götschl (110), Vreni Schneider (101) and Marc Girardelli (100).
- Shiffrin claimed her 68th World Cup win, surpassing Marcel Hirscher (67) in third place on the all-time list. Only Ingemar Stenmark (86) and Lindsey Vonn (82) have won more World Cup events.
- Of her 68 World Cup race wins, Shiffrin has achieved 44 in the slalom, 12 in the giant slalom and another 12 across five other events combined.
- Her 12 race victories in the giant slalom give her a tie for 10th place in this event among women, alongside Hanni Wenzel (12). The record is 20 by Vreni Schneider.
- On 14 December, Shiffrin won the giant slalom in Courchevel, meaning that she has now won at least one giant slalom race in five successive seasons.
- On 6 January 2018, Shiffrin won the women's giant slalom in Kranjska Gora.

Petra Vlhová

- Petra Vlhová has 18 World Cup race victories to her name, 11 in the slalom, four in the giant slalom and one each in three other events.
- Vlhová won three women's giant slalom World Cup races in 2018/19 and one last season.
- Vlhová finished runner-up in this discipline last season.
- This season, Vlhová finished third in Sölden and then third in the first of two races in Courchevel on 12 December.
- In the second giant slalom race in Courchevel, on 14 December, she failed to finish the first run.

- After winning three World Cup races in a row in November of last year, Vihová has won only one of the last 10 World Cup races, the slalom in Zagreb on 3 January.

Federica Brignone

- Federica Brignone leads the giant slalom World Cup standings, after finishing runner-up in both Sölden and the second race in Courchevel and fifth in the first race in Courchevel.
- Brignone has 15 World Cup race wins to her name, of which seven have come in the giant slalom, five in the alpine combined and three in the super-G.
- Her 15 World Cup race wins leave her one shy of the record by an Italian woman, the 16 by Deborah Compagnoni. Brignone is tied with Isolde Kostner in second place.
- Last season, Brignone won five World Cup races. She has yet to win her first this term.
- Among Italian women, only Compagnoni has won more World Cup giant slalom races (13) than Brignone (7).

Other contenders

- **Katharina Liensberger**, a slalom specialist, finished in the top six of the giant slalom in both Courchevel races this season after not making it to the finish line in Sölden. The last woman representing Austria to win a World Cup giant slalom race was Eva-Maria Brem in Jasná on 7 March 2016.
- **Tessa Worley** has won 13 World Cup races, all in the giant slalom. No other female skier favours this discipline as strongly, in the sense of having one all of one's World Cup races in this particular discipline.
- **Sara Hector** is the last woman representing Sweden to win a women's World Cup giant slalom race. She achieved this in Kühtai on 28 December 2014.
- **Michelle Gisin** finished fourth in Sölden and in the second race in Courchevel. She is hoping to claim her first World Cup podium in the giant slalom, after already having achieved this in the slalom, super-G, downhill and Alpine combined.

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