

## PREVIEW WOMEN'S ALPINE COMBINED WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – Monday 8 Feb 2021

### Wendy Holdener

- Wendy Holdener won the last two world titles in the Alpine combined, in St. Moritz in 2017 and in Åre in 2019.
- Only Christel Cranz (5), Marielle Goitschel (3) and Erika Hess (3) have won the world title in a women's combination event more than twice.
- Holdener can become the first woman to win three successive combination world titles since Hess from 1982 to 1987. Cranz (1937-1939) and Goitschel (1962-1966) also achieved this.
- Holdener finished in the top three of the Alpine combined World Cup standings in each of the last five seasons, including first places in 2015/16 and 2017/18.
- Holdener won the bronze medal in the Alpine combined at the Olympic Games in Pyeongchang in 2018.

### Michelle Gisin

- Michelle Gisin won the Alpine combined at the Olympic Games in Pyeongchang in 2018. She finished second behind Wendy Holdener at the world championships in St. Moritz in 2017.
- The last reigning Olympic champion in the Alpine combined to win the world title in this discipline was Maria Höfl-Riesch in 2013.
- Switzerland has won a record 10 world titles in women's combination events. Germany follows on nine wins, which includes one by West Germany.
- Swiss skiers have only won more world titles in the men's downhill (13) than in women's combination events (10).
- Gisin can become the eighth Swiss woman to win a world title in a combination event. No other country has more than six different winners in this discipline (6 by Austria).

### Federica Brignone

- Federica Brignone (5) is the active skier to have claimed the most World Cup wins in a women's combination event. She topped the Alpine combined World Cup standings in each of the last two seasons.
- Brignone can become the third Italian woman to achieve a world championship medal in the combination, after Giuliana Chenal-Minuzzo (bronze) in Cortina d'Ampezzo in 1956 and Karen Putzer (bronze) in St. Anton am Arlberg in 2001.
- On the men's side, Gustav Thöni (1972 and 1976) is the only Italian skier to win gold at the world championships in a combination event.
- Three Italian women have won a world title on Italian snow: Paula Wiesinger in the downhill in Cortina d'Ampezzo in 1932, Deborah

Compagnoni in the slalom and giant slalom in Sestriere in 1997, and Isolde Kostner in the super-G in Sestriere in 1997.

- The combination event is the only Italy has yet to win on the women's side. Italy already claimed the world title in the women's slalom (1), giant slalom (2), downhill (1) and super-G (2).

### Other contenders

- **Mikaela Shiffrin** has already won world championships medals in the slalom (G4-S0-B0), giant slalom (G0-S1-B1) and super-G (G1-S0-B0). She has yet to compete in the Alpine combined at the world championships. At the Olympic Games in 2018, Shiffrin collected silver in this discipline.
- Only Christel Cranz (12), Marielle Goitschel (7), Anja Pärson (7) and Erika Hess (6) have claimed more gold medals among women at the world championships than Shiffrin (5).
- Shiffrin (5) shares the record of most world titles by a skier from United States with Ted Ligety (5).
- Only Lindsey Vonn (8) has claimed more world championship medals for United States than Shiffrin (7). Ligety has also collected seven world championship medals.
- Shiffrin can become the first woman from United States to claim a world championships medal in a combination event since Julia Mancuso took silver in 2007. The only US winner of the women's combination is Tamara McKinney in 1989.
- **Petra Vlhová** is the only skier representing Slovakia to have won world championships medals in individual events. In 2019, she won the giant slalom, took silver in the Alpine combined and finished third in the slalom.
- **Ragnhild Mowinckel** is one of three Norwegian medallists (all bronze) in the women's combination event at the world championships as she took bronze in 2019. The only Norwegian woman to win a world title is Inge Björnbakken who won the slalom in Badgastein in 1958.
- In 2019, **Austria** failed to reach the world championships podium in the women's combination for the first time since 1989. Austria has not failed to reach the podium in this discipline in consecutive world championships since 1968-1970.

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