

PREVIEW WOMEN'S GIANT SLALOM – Saturday 6 Mar 2021

Marta Bassino

- Marta Bassino could secure the giant slalom crystal globe in Jasná. With one more giant slalom event scheduled after this World Cup, Bassino needs a lead of at least 100 points after this weekend. The Italian could achieve this by finishing in the top-two.
- Bassino could join Deborah Compagnoni (1996/97), Denise Karbon (2007/08) and Federica Brignone (2019/20) as Italian women to have won the giant slalom crystal globe.
- Bassino has won four of the six giant slalom events this World Cup season. She recorded a DNF in Courchevel on 14 December and claimed a third place in Kronplatz on 26 January.
- Bassino can become the first woman to win five giant slalom events in a World Cup season since Tina Maze in 2012/13. The women's record in this discipline is six victories in a season, achieved by Vreni Schneider in 1988/89 and Sonja Nef in 2000/01.
- The only Italian woman to claim five World Cup wins in the giant slalom in one season is Denise Karbon in 2007/08.
- At the world championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo last month, Bassino came 13th in the women's giant slalom.

Tessa Worley

- Tessa Worley is currently ranked second in the giant slalom standings, 124 points behind Marta Bassino. Worley previously won the giant slalom crystal globe in 2016/17.
- Worley won the most recent giant slalom held in the World Cup, in Kronplatz on 26 January. It was her 14th World Cup win in this discipline, but only her first since October 2018.
- Only two women have won more giant slalom events in the World Cup than Worley (14): Vreni Schneider (20) and Annemarie Moser-Pröll (16). Worley currently shares third place with Anita Wachter, Lise-Marie Morerod, Tina Maze and Viktoria Rebensburg (all 14).
- Worley has claimed 32 World Cup podiums in the giant slalom. Among women, only Schneider (46), Wachter (45) and Rebensburg (34) have collected more.
- Worley can win back-to-back World Cup giant slalom events for the first time since November-December 2016.

Federica Brignone

- By winning the super-G in Val di Fassa last weekend, Federica Brignone equalled Deborah Compagnoni on a record 16 World Cup wins among Italian women.
- Brignone has won seven giant slalom events in the World Cup, only trailing Compagnoni (13) for most among Italian women. Brignone's last World

Cup giant slalom win came in Sestriere on 18 January 2020 (shared win with Petra Vlhová).

- Brignone has claimed a World Cup victory in the giant slalom in each of the previous five seasons (2015/16 to 2019/20). Her best result this season is a second place, achieved in both Sölden and Courchevel.
- Brignone can become the first woman to win at least one giant slalom event in six successive World Cup seasons.

Other contenders

- **Lara Gut-Behrami**, leader in the overall standings, won the women's giant slalom at the world championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo last month. It was her first world-level victory in this discipline since a World Cup win in Sölden on 22 October 2016.
- Two years ago, Petra Vlhová won the first giant slalom event held in the World Cup (Špindleruv Mlýn) after claiming the world title in this discipline in Åre.
- **Michelle Gisin**, ranked third in the giant slalom standings, finished on the podium in both giant slalom events held in Kranjska Gora on 16 and 17 January (3rd and 2nd respectively), her first World Cup podiums in this discipline.
- Gisin could become the first Swiss woman to win a World Cup giant slalom event since Gut-Behrami in Sölden on 22 October 2016.
- Earlier this season, Gisin achieved her first World Cup career win by winning the slalom event in Semmering on 29 December. She can become the first Swiss woman to win both a slalom and giant slalom event in a World Cup season since Sonja Nef in 2000/01.
- **Mikaela Shiffrin** has claimed 12 World Cup wins in the giant slalom, ranking her in 10th place on the women's list alongside Hanni Wenzel (12). Deborah Compagnoni and Sonja Nef (13 wins each) share eighth place.
- Shiffrin achieved a medal in each of her four race starts at the world championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo last month, including a silver in the giant slalom.
- Shiffrin finished in the top-six in 18 of her last 19 World Cup appearances in the giant slalom (12 podiums, six wins), with the only exception a 17th place in Courchevel on 17 December 2019.
- **Petra Vlhová**, ranked second in the overall World Cup standings, is looking to collect points on home snow. This season, she claimed two World Cup podiums in the giant slalom, third places in Sölden and Courchevel. Vlhová's most recent win in this discipline came in Sestriere on 18 January 2020.
- Only Gut-Behrami (6 wins, 10 podiums) has claimed more World Cup wins and podiums among women this season than Vlhová (4 wins, 7 podiums). Apart from the giant slalom in Jasná, three slalom events are scheduled before the World Cup Finals, a discipline in which Vlhová excels and Gut-Behrami normally does not participate in.



- In the most recent World Cup held in Slovakia, in Jasná in 2015/16, Veronika Velez-Zuzulová claimed a podium for the host country: a third place in the slalom event on 6 March 2016.
- **Katharina Liensberger** collected the bronze medal in the giant slalom at the world championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo last month. The last Austrian woman to win a World Cup giant slalom event was Eva-Maria Brem in Jasná on 7 March 2016.

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