

## PREVIEW WOMEN'S SLALOM – Sunday 7 Mar 2021

### Petra Vlhová

- Petra Vlhová is currently ranked second in the overall standings behind Lara Gut-Behrami. The slalom in Jasná is one of three slalom events scheduled before the World Cup Finals, a discipline in which Vlhová excels and Gut-Behrami normally does not participate in.
- Vlhová is leading the slalom standings (400 points), but Katharina Liensberger (360), Mikaela Shiffrin (335) and Michelle Gisin (330) are all within 100 points. Last season, Vlhová won the slalom crystal globe, her first globe in any discipline.
- Vlhová has claimed 11 World Cup wins in the slalom, ranking her in ninth place on the women's list alongside Hanni Wenzel (11). Next up is Pernilla Wiberg in eighth place on 14 wins.
- Vlhová won six of the last eight slalom events held in the World Cup, with the only exceptions fourth places in Semmering and Flachau this season. She collected the silver medal in this event at the world championships last month.
- Vlhová could claim four slalom victories in a single World Cup season for the first time. Mikaela Shiffrin achieved this in seven of the last eight seasons (not in 2019/20).
- 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.

### Mikaela Shiffrin

- Mikaela Shiffrin won the most recent slalom event held in the World Cup, in Flachau on 12 January. It was her 68th World Cup victory in total, 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.
- Shiffrin has won 44 World Cup slalom events, which is already an all-time record among men and women. Only Stenmark (46 in giant slalom) has also won at least 44 World Cup events in a specific discipline.
- In her last 48 slalom participations in the World Cup, Shiffrin finished on the podium 44 times (35 wins).
- Shiffrin achieved a medal in each of her four race starts at the world championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo last month, including a bronze in the slalom.
- Shiffrin won the slalom crystal globe six times, a joint record among women alongside Vreni Schneider (6). On the men's side, only Stenmark (8) and Hirscher (6) have won at least six slalom crystal globes.

## Katharina Liensberger

- Katharina Liensberger won the slalom and parallel giant slalom world titles at the world championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo last month. These were her first individual victories at world level.
- Liensberger has claimed seven World Cup podiums in the slalom, but has yet to achieve her first victory. Only Wendy Holdener (25) and Malgorzata Mogore Tlalka (8) have finished on more women's World Cup slalom podiums without ever winning.
- Liensberger can become the fifth active female skier to win a World Cup slalom event, after Mikaela Shiffrin, Petra Vlhová, Michelle Gisin and Erin Mielzynski.
- Austrian women have won a record 85 slalom events in the World Cup, but not since Nicole Hosp in Aspen on 30 November 2014.
- Liensberger is currently ranked second in the slalom standings, only 40 points behind Vlhová. The last Austrian woman who won the slalom crystal globe was Marlies Schild in 2011/12.

## Other contenders

- **Michelle Gisin** won the slalom in Semmering last December, her first World Cup win in any discipline.
- Gisin joined Mikaela Shiffrin, Petra Vlhová and Erin Mielzynski as the only active skiers to have won a women's slalom event in the World Cup.
- The last Swiss woman to win multiple slalom events in a World Cup season was Vreni Schneider in 1994/95 (4).
- Gisin is ranked fourth in the slalom standings this season. The last Swiss woman to win the slalom crystal globe was Schneider in 1994/95.
- **Wendy Holdener** has collected 25 World Cup podium finishes in the slalom, but has yet to claim her first victory. This is currently the record for most World Cup podiums in a single discipline without winning.
- Only two women have finished second in a World Cup slalom event more often than Holdener (13): Frida Hansdotter (17) and Pernilla Wiberg (14). Hansdotter (4 wins) and Wiberg (14) both achieved slalom victories in the World Cup.
- **Kristin Lysdahl** is hoping to become the first Norwegian woman to reach a World Cup slalom podium since Nina Haver-Løseth (2nd) in Flachau on 10 January 2017.

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