

PREVIEW WOMEN'S GIANT SLALOM COURCHEVEL – 21-22 Dec 2021

Mikaela Shiffrin

- Mikaela Shiffrin won this season's opening World Cup event, the giant slalom in Sölden. Shiffrin also won the slalom event in Killington on 28 November, bringing her total tally up to 71 wins, ranking her in third place all-time behind Ingemar Stenmark (86) and Lindsey Vonn (82).
- Shiffrin can become the third woman in the last nine World Cup seasons to win the opening two giant slalom events, after Viktoria Rebensburg (2017/18) and Marta Bassino (2020/21).
- Shiffrin is level with Deborah Compagnoni and Sonja Neff (all 13) in fourth place in the women's list for most World Cup giant slalom wins. Next up are Anita Wachter, Rebensburg, Tessa Worley, Tina Maze and Lise-Marie Morerod (all 14) in third place.
- No skier has claimed as many World Cup victories in Courchevel as Shiffrin (5). Her tally of five World Cup wins at Courchevel is her highest at any resort.
- Shiffrin won three of the seven women's World Cup giant slalom events held in Courchevel. No other woman has claimed multiple wins in this specific event.

Italy

- Italian skiers won six of the last seven events held in the women's World Cup (5 by Sofia Goggia, 1 by Federica Brignone). Italian women have achieved more than six event wins in only three previous World Cup seasons: in 1996/97 (10), 2019/20 (8) and 2020/21 (9).
- This century, only two countries collected more than six wins from the start of a World Cup season until New Year's Day: Austria (8 in 2006/07) and United States (8 in 2018/19).
- Italy's 12 victories in the women's World Cup in 2021 are at least five more than any other country (7 by Switzerland). Italian women had previously never achieved more than 11 World Cup wins in a single calendar year (11 in 1997).
- **Federica Brignone** (2019) and **Marta Bassino** (2020) both won a World Cup giant slalom event in Courchevel. They could join Mikaela Shiffrin as the only women to claim multiple giant slalom victories in Courchevel.
- Following her win in the super-G in St. Moritz on 12 December, Brignone (17) broke the Italian record for most wins in the women's World Cup, set by Deborah Compagnoni (16).
- Bassino, last season's winner of the giant slalom crystal globe, failed to finish in her first run in the season opener in Sölden.

Other contenders

- **Petra Vlhová** finished in third place in the season opener in Sölden. The Slovakian has collected five World Cup wins in the giant slalom, all in Europe.
- **Tessa Worley** shares third place on the all-time women's list for most World Cup giant slalom wins with Anita Wachter, Tina Maze, Viktoria Rebensburg and Lise-Marie Morerod (all 14). Vreni Schneider (20) and Annemarie Moser-Pröll (16) make up the top-two.
- Worley claimed four World Cup podiums in Courchevel (one second and three third places), second-most behind Shiffrin (5, all wins). Worley has yet to win a World Cup event on French snow.
- The last time a **French woman** won a World Cup event on French snow was a super-G triumph by Carole Montillet-Carles in Val d'Isère on 13 December 2002. The most recent World Cup giant slalom victory by a French woman on home snow was by Carole Merle, in Morzine on 27 January 1992.
- **Maria Therese Tviberg** finished fifth in the Sölden giant slalom earlier this season. Norway's most recent giant slalom podium in the World Cup was achieved by **Mina Fürst Holtmann** (2nd) in Courchevel on 17 December 2019.
- **Ragnhild Mowinckel** was the last Norwegian woman to win a World Cup giant slalom event, in Ofterschwang on 9 March 2018.

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