

## PREVIEW WOMEN'S GIANT SLALOM LENZERHEIDE – Sunday 6 Mar 2022

### Sara Hector

- Sara Hector won the women's giant slalom at the Olympic Winter Games in Beijing. She became the fourth Swedish woman to win Olympic gold in alpine skiing, after Pernilla Wiberg, Anja Pärson and Frida Hansdotter.
- The most recent Olympic giant slalom champion to win the first World Cup giant slalom event held after the Winter Games is Wiberg, who won in Narvik following her Olympic victory at Albertville 1992.
- Hector tops this season's giant slalom standings on 462 points, ahead of Tessa Worley (367) and Mikaela Shiffrin (361). She could become the second Swedish winner of the women's giant slalom crystal globe, after Pärson (2002/03, 2003/04, 2005/06).
- Hector finished on the podium in each of the last five giant slalom events in the World Cup, claiming the win in Courchevel, Kranjska Gora and Kronplatz. The Swede had collected three podiums in her first 74 World Cup giant slalom participations combined.
- Hector can become the first woman to achieve three successive World Cup giant slalom wins since Anna Veith in February-March 2015.
- Hector (3) could join Pärson (5 in 2003/04) as only Swedish women to record more than three World Cup giant slalom victories in a single season.
- A Swedish woman has yet to claim a World Cup giant slalom win in Switzerland.

### Mikaela Shiffrin & Petra Vlhová

- Coming into Lenzerheide, Mikaela Shiffrin and Petra Vlhová were joint-leaders in the women's overall on 1026 points each.
- Shiffrin (3) is looking to become the third woman to win the overall crystal globe more than three times, after Annemarie Moser-Pröll (6) and Lindsey Vonn (4). Vlhová is hoping to win the overall crystal globe in successive seasons.
- Both women could theoretically still win the giant slalom crystal globe. Only Shiffrin (2018/19) previously already won this specific globe.
- Shiffrin (14) can become the fourth woman to claim 15 World Cup victories in the giant slalom, after Vreni Schneider (20), Annemarie Moser-Pröll (16) and Tessa Worley (15).
- Shiffrin, winner of the 2013 and 2014 Lenzerheide slalom, can become the third woman to achieve a slalom and giant slalom win at the Swiss venue, after Nicole Hosp and Tina Maze.
- Ahead of the Lenzerheide super-G, Vlhová had won five World Cup events this season, all in the slalom. Only in 2020/21 (6) had the Slovakian achieved more World Cup wins.

## Other contenders

- **Tessa Worley** (15) is one shy of equalling Annemarie Moser-Pröll (16) in second place on the women's list for most World Cup wins in the giant slalom. Vreni Schneider (20) tops this list.
- Worley (3) can become the first woman to achieve more than three World Cup giant slalom victories in Switzerland. The French woman previously won in St. Moritz (2010, 2013) and Lenzerheide (2018).
- **Lara Gut-Behrami** is the most recent Swiss woman to win a giant slalom event in the World Cup, in Sölden on 22 October 2016. At the Beijing Winter Games, Gut-Behrami took bronze in the women's giant slalom.
- Switzerland's last World Cup giant slalom winner on Swiss snow was Vreni Schneider, who won in Schwarzenberg in 1989.
- **Federica Brignone** picked up the silver medal in this event at the Winter Games in Beijing, finishing 0.28 seconds behind gold medallist Sara Hector.
- Brignone has claimed seven World Cup wins in the giant slalom, most recently in Sestriere on 18 January 2020.
- The only Italian winner of a women's World Cup giant slalom contested in Switzerland is Deborah Compagnoni, who triumphed in Veysonnaz in 1993. Compagnoni also recorded Italy's most recent top-three finish in a World Cup giant slalom event on Swiss snow: third in Crans-Montana in 1998.
- Ahead of the Lenzerheide super-G, Italy had recorded 10 wins in all events in the women's World Cup this season. Only in 1996/97 (10) had Italy claimed as many women's World Cup event wins.
- **Katharina Truppe** finished fourth in this event at the Olympic Winter Games last month, eight hundredths of a second behind bronze medallist Lara Gut-Behrami. Truppe's best World Cup result in the giant slalom is an eighth place in Špindleruv Mlýn on 8 March 2019.
- Austria's last World Cup win in the giant slalom was achieved by Eva-Maria Brem in Jasná on 7 March 2016.
- **Ragnhild Mowinckel** (5th) and **Thea Louise Stjernesund** (6th) both finished in the top-six in the Olympic giant slalom in Beijing. Norway's most recent World Cup podium in this event was a second place by Mina Fürst Holtmann in Courchevel on 17 December 2019.
- **Maryna Gasienica Daniel** is hoping to become the second Polish woman to finish on a World Cup podium, after Malgorzata Mogore Tlalka who achieved this in the Kranjska Gora (3rd) and Piancavallo (2nd) slaloms in the 1983/84 World Cup.

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