

## PREVIEW WOMEN'S GIANT SLALOM ÅRE – Friday 11 Mar 2022

### Sara Hector

- Sara Hector, winner of Olympic giant slalom gold in Beijing, tops this season's giant slalom standings on 522 points, ahead of Tessa Worley (467) and Mikaela Shiffrin (411). She could become the second Swedish winner of the women's giant slalom crystal globe, after Anja Pärson (2002/03, 2003/04, 2005/06).
- Hector finished on the podium in each of the last six 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 could become the third Swedish woman to claim a World Cup victory in Åre, after Pärson (2003 & 2004 giant slalom, 2006 downhill) and Maria Pietilä Holmner (2014 slalom).
- At the 2019 World Championships in Åre, Hector finished seventh in the giant slalom.
- 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.

### Tessa Worley

- By winning the giant slalom in Lenzerheide last weekend, Tessa Worley joined Annemarie Moser-Pröll (both 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 is ranked second in this season's giant slalom standings and could win this crystal globe for a second time, after 2016/17. The only French woman to win the giant slalom globe multiple times is Carole Merle (2).
- Worley finished on the podium in each of the last four World Cup giant slalom event, winning in Lienz and Lenzerheide.
- The last time Worley claimed back-to-back giant slalom victories in the World Cup was in November-December 2016.
- Worley claimed one World Cup giant slalom win in Åre, on 12 December 2009. It marker her second career World Cup victory.
- At the 2019 World Championships in Åre, Worley finished sixth in the giant slalom.

### Overall crystal globe

- The top-three in this season's overall World Cup standings are **Mikaela Shiffrin** (1,156), **Petra Vlhová** (1,039) and **Federica Brignone** (931). The last five overall crystal globes were won by these three women: Shiffrin (2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19), Brignone (2019/20) and Vlhová (2020/21).
- Shiffrin (3) could become the third woman to win the overall crystal globe more than three times, after Annemarie Moser-Pröll (6) and Lindsey Vonn (4).

- Shiffrin (14) can become the fourth woman to claim 15 World Cup victories in the giant slalom, after Vreni Schneider (20), Moser-Pröll (16) and Tessa Worley (16).
- Shiffrin recorded four World Cup wins in Åre, all in the slalom. Only Vonn (6) and Renate Götschl (5) claimed more World Cup wins at the Swedish venue. Shiffrin also won two world titles in Åre, in the slalom and super-G in 2019.
- Vlhová won the most recent giant slalom event held at world level in Åre, at the 2019 World Championships. Shiffrin (bronze) also finished on the podium that day, while Brignone took fifth place.
- Vlhová also achieved two World Cup victories in Åre, both in the slalom.
- Brignone can become the second Italian woman to claim a World Cup win in Åre, after Sofia Goggia took the victory in the super-G on 15 March 2018.

### Other contenders

- **Italy** has 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.
- **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.
- **Katharina Truppe** finished fourth in this event at the Olympic Winter Games last month, eight hundredths of a second behind bronze medallist 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.
- Mowinckel finished fourth in the giant slalom at the 2019 World Championships in Åre. She missed the podium by 0.12 seconds.
- **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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