

## PREVIEW WOMEN'S SLALOM ÅRE – Saturday 12 Mar 2022

### Petra Vlhová

- Petra Vlhová has already secured this season's slalom crystal globe. The Slovakian also picked up Olympic gold in the slalom at the Beijing Games.
- Vlhová finished in the top-two in all seven World Cup slalom events this season. She claimed five wins and finished runner-up to Mikaela Shiffrin in the other two.
- Only three women claimed more than seven top-two finishes in World Cup slalom events in a single season: Vreni Schneider (9 in 1993/94), Shiffrin (9 in 2018/19, 8 in 2017/18) and Janica Kostelic (8 in 2000/01).
- Vlhová can become the second woman in the last 10 World Cup seasons to win at least six World Cup slaloms in a single season. Shiffrin achieved this in 2016/17 (6), 2017/18 (7) and 2018/19 (8).
- Vlhová has equalled Anja Pärson (both 17) in sixth place on the women's list for most World Cup slalom victories. Janica Kostelic (20) is in fifth place.
- Vlhová's first career World Cup victory came in the slalom in Åre on 13 December 2015. She also won the Åre slalom in the World Cup on 12 March 2021. Only Shiffrin (4) achieved more than two World Cup slalom victories in Åre.
- At the 2019 World Championships in Åre, Vlhová finished third in this event.

### Mikaela Shiffrin

- By winning the most recent World Cup slalom event in Schladming on 11 January, Mikaela Shiffrin (47 in slalom) broke the record for most World Cup victories in a single discipline, set by Ingemar Stenmark (46 in giant slalom).
- Shiffrin (66 in slalom) is level with Lindsey Vonn (66 in downhill) for most women's World Cup podiums in a single discipline.
- Shiffrin recorded four World Cup slalom victories in Åre. The women to record more World Cup slalom wins at a single venue are Vreni Schneider (6 in Maribor), Anja Pärson (5 in Maribor), Petra Vlhová (5 in Levi) and Shiffrin herself (5 in Killington).
- Shiffrin also won the slalom at the 2019 World Championships held in Åre, finishing ahead of Anna Swenn-Larsson (silver) and Vlhová (bronze).

## Other contenders

- **Katharina Liensberger** picked up silver in the women's slalom at the Olympic Winter Games in Beijing. It marked her first individual Olympic medal.
- Liensberger's first career World Cup victory came in the Åre slalom on 13 March 2021. A week later in Lenzerheide, she won her second and to date last World Cup slalom event.
- This World Cup season, Liensberger claimed two podium finishes in the slalom: second in Lienz on 29 December and third in Zagreb on 4 January.
- **Wendy Holdener** picked up silver (Alpine combined) and bronze (slalom) at the Beijing Winter Games. She equalled alpine skier Vreni Schneider and bobsleigher Fritz Feierabend (all 5) on most medals by a Swiss athlete at the Winter Games.
- Holdener has collected 29 World Cup slalom podium finishes, 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 as many times as Holdener (14): Frida Hansdotter (17) and Pernilla Wiberg (14). Holdener's 15 third places in this discipline are already most for a woman.
- Switzerland's only women's World Cup slalom win in the last 20 years was achieved by **Michelle Gisin** in Semmering on 29 December 2020.
- At the 2019 World Championships in Åre, **Anna Swenn-Larsson** picked up silver in the slalom in front of a home crowd.
- Swenn-Larsson claimed five World Cup slalom podiums, but has yet to win one. Her first career World Cup podium was a third place in the Åre slalom on 8 March 2014.
- The only Swedish woman to win the Åre slalom in the World Cup was Maria Pietilä Holmner on 13 December 2014.
- Sweden's most recent slalom victory in the World Cup was achieved by Frida Hansdotter in Flachau on 10 January 2017.
- **Lena Dürr** is hoping to become the first German woman to record a World Cup slalom victory since Maria Höfl-Riesch in Levi on 10 November 2012.
- At the age of 30 years and 220 days (on 12 March 2022), Dürr can become the oldest German woman to win a World Cup event (including East/West Germany). Viktoria Rebensburg holds the current record as she won the Garmisch-Partenkirchen downhill on 8 February 2020 at age 30y-127d.

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