

Preview Ladies' Alpine Skiing - 2018/2019 World Cup Season

Vonn aiming to break Stenmark's record in final season

- Lindsey Vonn will compete in her 19th and final World Cup campaign as she plans to retire at the end of this season.
- Vonn has won a women's record 82 World Cup races, four short of the overall record by Ingemar Stenmark (86).
- In 2017/18, Vonn won five World Cup races (one in super-G, four in downhill). If she wins five World Cup races again, she will surpass Stenmark to set a new record for the most victories ever.
- Vonn's 82 race wins consist of 43 victories in downhill, 28 in super-G, five in alpine combined, four in giant slalom, and two in slalom.
- Her 43 wins in downhill and 28 victories in super-G are both records among men and women.
- Vonn has won a World Cup race in 13 different seasons and could become the second skier (men/women) to win a race in a record 14 different seasons, after Renate Götschl.
- Vonn turned 34 years old on 18 October 2018 and could become the oldest woman to win a World Cup race. Currently, that record is held by Elisabeth Görgl, who won the super-G in Val d'Isère in December 2014 at the age of 33 years and 304 days.
- Vonn has won 20 World Cup classifications, a record among men and women. Stenmark won 19 crystal globes; Marcel Hirscher is currently on 17.
- The last time Vonn won a crystal globe was in 2015/16, when she won the downhill title. That was her eighth downhill title, equalling the record for most in a single discipline. Stenmark won the slalom and giant slalom eight times.
- Vonn's five super-G titles are a joint-record with Katja Seizinger, Hermann Maier, and Aksel Lund Svindal.
- Vonn can become the oldest woman to win a crystal globe. That record currently belongs to Michaela Dorfmeister who was 32 years and 356 days old when she won the World Cup in super-G in 2006.
- Only Marcel Hirscher (7), Annemarie Moser-Pröll (6) and Marc Girardelli (5) have won more overall titles than Vonn (4, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2011/12).

Shiffrin eyeing three in a row

- Mikaela Shiffrin won the ladies' overall crystal globe in each of the last two seasons.
- Shiffrin can become the fourth woman to win the overall crystal globe in three consecutive World Cup seasons, after Annemarie Moser-Pröll (5 in a row, 1971-1975), Petra Kronberger (3, 1990-1992) and Lindsey Vonn (3, 2008-2010).

- In total, only Moser-Pröll (6), Vonn (4), Kronberger (3), Vreni Schneider (3) and Janica Kostelic (3) have won the ladies' overall crystal globe at least three times.
- Shiffrin has won a total of seven crystal globes, as she has won the slalom title five times (2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018).
- Shiffrin could become the second woman to win the slalom crystal globe a record six times, after Vreni Schneider.
- Apart from Schneider, Vonn (8 in downhill) and Moser-Pröll (7 in downhill, 6 in overall) are the only women to have won a specific crystal globe at least six times.
- Shiffrin has won 43 World Cup races, fifth-most among women. Only Vonn (82), Moser-Pröll (62), Schneider (55) and Renate Götschl (46) have won more.
- Shiffrin has won 32 slalom races on the World Cup, third-most among women behind Marlies Schild (35) and Schneider (34).

Gut hoping to return to winning ways

- Lara Gut won only one World Cup race last season, the super-G event in Cortina d'Ampezzo on 21 January 2018. It was the first time since 2012/13 that she won at most one World Cup race in a single season.
- Gut has won 24 World Cup races in her career. She could become the fifth female Swiss skier to win at least 25 races, after Vreni Schneider (55), Erika Hess (31), Michaela Figini (26) and Maria Walliser (25).
- Gut has won 12 races in super-G, fourth-most among women after Lindsey Vonn (28), Renate Götschl (17) and Katja Seizinger (16).
- Gut won the super-G crystal globe in 2014 and 2016. She can become the fifth woman to win the super-G standings at least three times, after Seizinger (5), Vonn (5), Carole Merle (4) and Götschl (3).
- Gut was the last skier to win the ladies' overall crystal globe before Mikaela Shiffrin, as she won in 2015/16.

Other contenders

- Tina Weirather has won the super-G crystal globe in each of the last two seasons. The last skier to win the ladies' super-G title three times in a row was Lindsey Vonn between 2009 and 2012 (4 in a row).
- Sofia Goggia won the ladies' downhill crystal globe in 2017/18. She will miss the first races of the season due to injury.
- The last Italian woman to win a crystal globe in a discipline other than downhill was Denise Karbon in the giant slalom in 2007/08.
- Viktoria Rebensburg won the giant slalom crystal globe in 2011, 2012 and 2018. Only Vreni Schneider (5) has won the ladies' giant slalom classification at least four times.

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