

## PREVIEW Women SLALOM – Saturday 17 Nov 2018

### Shiffrin set to continue slalom success

- Mikaela Shiffrin won her fifth slalom crystal globe last season, one shy of the women's record of six set by Vreni Schneider.
- Last season, Shiffrin won seven of the nine slalom races in the World Cup. The only exceptions were a second place in Levi and a DNF in Lenzerheide.
- Shiffrin has won third-most ladies' World Cup races in the slalom (32), behind Marlies Schild (35) and Vreni Schneider (34).
- Shiffrin has won 43 World Cup races in total, fifth-most among women behind Lindsey Vonn (82), Annemarie Moser-Pröll (62), Schneider (55) and Renate Götschl (46).
- Shiffrin could win a record-equalling third ladies' World Cup race in Levi, held by Maria Höfl-Riesch. She won the slalom in 2013 and 2016.
- Shiffrin has finished on the podium in four of the last five ladies' World Cup races held in Levi. The only ski resorts where Shiffrin claimed five World Cup podiums are Flachau (5) and Lienz (5).
- In her last 29 appearances in a World Cup race in the slalom, Shiffrin has recorded 23 first places, two second places, two third places and two DNFs.

### Vlhová hoping to repeat Levi win

- Petra Vlhová was the only woman other than Mikaela Shiffrin to win a World Cup race in the slalom last season. She won in Levi and in Lenzerheide.
- Vlhová is tied with Veronika Velez-Zuzulová on a record four ladies' slalom victories in the World Cup among athletes representing Slovakia.
- Vlhová could become the first woman to win back-to-back World Cup races in Levi.
- Vlhová can join Maria Höfl-Riesch (3), Marlies Schild (2) and Shiffrin (2) on multiple ladies' World Cup race wins in Levi.
- Levi is the only ski resort where Vlhová has recorded multiple World Cup podiums. Apart from her victory last year, she finished third in the slalom behind Shiffrin and Wendy Holdener in 2016.

### Hansdotter looking for more World Cup wins

- Frida Hansdotter has finished on the podium in each of the last seven ladies' slalom races held in the World Cup. She claimed two second places and five third places in this run.
- Hansdotter finished third in the slalom standings in last season's World Cup. She once won the slalom crystal globe, in 2016.
- Hansdotter has won four World Cup races in the slalom, but not since winning in Flachau on 10 January 2017.

- Last season, Hansdotter won the Olympic title in the ladies' slalom in PyeongChang, finishing ahead of Wendy Holdener (silver) and Katharina Gallhuber (bronze).
- Hansdotter has recorded 32 World Cup podiums in the slalom, ranking her joint-ninth of all-time among women alongside Hanni Wenzel. Anja Pärson is in eighth place on 33 slalom podiums.
- At 32 years and 339 days, Hansdotter can become the oldest woman to win a slalom race in the World Cup. The record now belongs to Marlies Schild who won in Lienz in December 2013 at 32 years and 212 days.
- Hansdotter can also break the record of oldest woman to finish on a slalom podium in the World Cup. Schild finished third in Lenzerheide in March 2014 at 32 years and 288 days.

### **Holdener eyeing first win, Austria hoping to end winning drought**

- **Wendy Holdener**, Olympic silver medallist in the ladies' slalom, has finished on the podium of a World Cup slalom race on 17 occasions, but has yet to claim her first victory. No other woman has claimed more than eight World Cup podium finishes in this event without winning once.
- The only alpine skier, male or female, who claimed more World Cup podium finishes in a single event without ever winning is Hubert Strolz (18) in the men's giant slalom.
- Holdener finished second in the slalom standings in last season's World Cup. She claimed seven podium finishes, equal to Frida Hansdotter and only trailing Mikaela Shiffrin (8) in that campaign.
- The last woman from Switzerland to win a World Cup race in the slalom was Marlies Öster in Berchtesgaden in January 2002. This is by far the longest winning drought for the nation in a World Cup ladies' slalom race (146 races). The ladies' slalom is also the discipline Switzerland is waiting the longest for a World Cup victory.
- In the 43 World Cup races in the slalom in which both Holdener and Shiffrin completed the two runs, Holdener finished ahead of Shiffrin only twice: In Courchevel in December 2013 (12th v. 9th) and in Ofterschwang in March 2013 (3rd v. 2nd). There was also a tie for third place in Flachau in January 2017.
- Holdener defeated Shiffrin in the Olympic slalom race in PyeongChang. She claimed the silver medal, while Shiffrin finished in fourth place.
- **Bernadette Schild** finished on a slalom podium twice in the World Cup last season, second in Flachau and third in Killington. The last Austrian woman to win this event in the World Cup was Nicole Hosp in Aspen on 30 November 2014.
- This is Austria's longest winning drought in any of the ladies' crystal globe events (35 races). Austria has won a record 85 ladies' World Cup races in the slalom, including a record 35 by Bernadette's older sister Marlies Schild.
- The 35 race winning drought in the ladies' slalom is the equal longest for



the nation as Austrian women also did not win 35 successive World Cup slalom races between 2000 and 2003.

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