

PREVIEW LADIES' SLALOM – Saturday 22 Dec 2018

Shiffrin set to equal Schild's slalom record

- Mikaela Shiffrin has won 34 World Cup slalom races, equal to Vreni Schneider and only trailing Marlies Schild (35) among women.
- Shiffrin has won nine of the last 10 slalom races on the World Cup, with the only exception the race in Lenzerheide where she failed to finish her second run.
- In her last 31 appearances in a World Cup slalom race, Shiffrin has recorded 25 first places, two second places, two third places, and two DNFs.
- Shiffrin has won seven World Cup slalom races in 2018. Only Erika Hess (8 in 1981) and Ingemar Stenmark (8 in 1977) have won more in a single calendar year. NOTE: Marcel Hirscher could win his eighth World Cup slalom race of 2018 in Saalbach-Hinterglemm on 20 December.
- Shiffrin won the last slalom race held in France on the World Cup, in Méribel on 21 March 2015.

Vlhová eyeing Slovakian record

- Petra Vlhová was the only woman other than Mikaela Shiffrin to win a World Cup race in slalom last season. She won in Levi and in Lenzerheide.
- Vlhová finished in second place behind Shiffrin in the slalom races in Levi and in Killington this season.
- Vlhová is tied with Veronika Velez-Zuzulová on a record four ladies' slalom victories in the World Cup among athletes representing Slovakia.

Hansdotter looking for more World Cup wins

- Frida Hansdotter has won four World Cup races in slalom, but not since winning in Flachau on 10 January 2017.
- Last season, Hansdotter won the Olympic title in ladies' slalom in PyeongChang, finishing ahead of Wendy Holdener (silver) and Katharina Gallhuber (bronze).
- Hansdotter has recorded 33 World Cup podiums in slalom, ranking her joint-eighth all-time among women alongside Anja Pärson. Janica Kostelic and Pernilla Wiberg are in joint-sixth place on 35 slalom podiums.
- Hansdotter celebrated her 33rd birthday on 13 December. The oldest woman to win a slalom race on the World Cup is Marlies Schild who won in Lienz in December 2013 at 32 years and 212 days.
- With her third place in Killington, Hansdotter (then 32 years, 347 days) already broke the record of oldest woman to finish on a slalom podium in the World Cup.

Other contenders

- **Wendy Holdener** 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, to claim more World Cup podium finishes in a single event without ever winning it is Hubert Strolz (18) in the men's giant slalom.
- The last woman from Switzerland to win a World Cup race in 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 (148 races). The ladies' slalom is also the event Switzerland is waiting the longest for a World Cup victory (excl. parallel events).
- **Bernadette Schild** finished third (Levi) and fourth (Killington) in the slalom races this season. The last Austrian woman to win a World Cup slalom race was Nicole Hosp in Aspen on 30 November 2014.
- The 37-race winning drought in the ladies' slalom is the longest for Austria in this discipline.

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