

PREVIEW Women SLALOM – Saturday 5 Jan 2019

Shiffrin eyeing for seventh successive victory

- Mikaela Shiffrin won her 36th slalom race in the World Cup in the final slalom event of 2018, in Semmering, breaking the ladies' record of 35 set by Marlies Schild.
- Among men and women only Ingemar Stenmark (40) has won more World Cup slalom events than Shiffrin (36).
- Shiffrin has won 51 World Cup races, seventh most all-time. Vreni Schneider (55) and Hermann Maier (54) are in fifth and sixth place respectively.
- Shiffrin could equal her personal record winning run of seven successive World Cup slalom wins, set in 2016. The only women on more successive wins are Vreni Schneider (8, 1988-1989) and Janica Kostelic (8, 2000-2001).
- Shiffrin could become the fourth woman to win a World Cup slalom race in eight different calendar years, after Marlies Schild (10), Vreni Schneider (10) and Pernilla Wiberg (8).
- Shiffrin has won 11 of the last 12 slalom races in the World Cup, with the only exception the race in Lenzerheide on 28 January 2018 where she failed to finish her second run (winner: Petra Vlhová).
- In her last 33 appearances in a slalom World Cup race, Shiffrin has recorded 27 first places, two second places, two third places and two DNFs.
- Shiffrin has claimed three World Cup victories in the slalom in Zagreb, in 2013, 2015 and 2018. She has only claimed more World Cup slalom victories in Åre (4).
- Only Schild (4) has won more among women in the Croatian ski resort than Shiffrin (3).

Vlhová looking to win first two World Cup events of year

- Petra Vlhová won the city event in Oslo on 1 January. Vlhová could become the third woman in the last 30 years to win the opening two World Cup events of a calendar year, after Mikaela Shiffrin (2018) and Marlies Schild (2006).
- Vlhová is the only woman other than Mikaela Shiffrin to have won a slalom World Cup race since the start of last season. Vlhová won in Levi (11 November 2017) and in Lenzerheide (28 January 2018).
- Vlhová is tied with Veronika Velez-Zuzulová on a record four ladies' slalom victories in the World Cup among athletes representing Slovakia.
- Vlhová finished in second place behind Shiffrin in all four slalom World Cup races this season, Levi, Killington, Courchevel and Semmering.
- No woman has ever claimed more than four second places without winning a single World Cup slalom race within a single season.
- The only women on more podiums, without claiming gold in a single

season are Frida Hansdotter (7 in 2017/18), Wendy Holdener (7 in 2017/18, 6 in 2016/17) and Annelise Coberger (5 in 1992/93).

- Vlhová could claim Slovakia's 50th World Cup podium finish (all events). Of the previous 49, Velez-Zuzulová claimed 30 podiums (G5-S15-B10) and Vlhová 19 (G6-S8-B5).

Holdener still waiting for first victory

- Wendy Holdener has finished on the podium of a World Cup slalom race on 18 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.
- Holdener is equal to Hubert Strolz (men's giant slalom) as the alpine skier, male or female, to claim most World Cup podium finishes in a single event without ever winning, both 18.
- The last woman from Switzerland to win a World Cup race in the slalom was Marlies Öster in Berchtesgaden on 20 January 2002 (shared win with USA's Kristina Koznick). This is by far the longest winning drought for the nation in a World Cup ladies' slalom race (149 races).

Other contenders

- **Frida Hansdotter** has won four World Cup races in the slalom, but not since winning in Flachau on 10 January 2017.
- Hansdotter (34) is one World Cup slalom podium shy of joining Janica Kostelic and Pernilla Wiberg (both 35) in joint-sixth place all-time among women.
- Hansdotter celebrated her 33rd birthday on 13 December. The oldest woman to win a slalom race in the World Cup is Marlies Schild who won in Lienz in December 2013, at 32 years and 212 days.
- Hansdotter is already the oldest woman on a World Cup slalom podium, as she was 33 years and 9 days old, when she finished third in Courchevel on 22 December 2018.
- **Bernadette Schild** finished third (Levi) and fourth (Killington) in the slalom this season (DNF in Courchevel and Semmering). The last Austrian woman to win a World Cup slalom race was Nicole Hosp in Aspen on 30 November 2014.
- This is Austria's longest winning drought in any of the ladies' crystal globe events (39 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 39-race winning drought in the ladies' slalom is the longest for Austria.

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