

PREVIEW Ladies' SLALOM – Tuesday 8 Jan 2019

Shiffrin could equal longest slalom winning run

- Mikaela Shiffrin has won the last seven World Cup slalom races. She could equal the all-time women's record of eight successive slalom victories in the World Cup, set by Vreni Schneider from 1988 to 1989 and equalled by Janica Kostelic from 2000 to 2001.
- Shiffrin has won a women's record 37 slalom events on the World Cup. On the men's side, only Ingemar Stenmark (40) has won more World Cup slalom events.
- Shiffrin has won 12 of the last 13 World Cup slalom races, with the only exception the race in Lenzerheide (28 January 2018) where she failed to finish her second run (winner Petra Vlhová).
- Shiffrin can become the third woman to win the first six slalom races of a World Cup season after Kostelic (first 8 in 2000/01) and Schneider (all 7 in 1988/89).
- Shiffrin has collected 52 World Cup race wins in total, seventh most all-time. Schneider (55) and Hermann Maier (54) are in fifth and sixth place respectively.
- Shiffrin has won three World Cup races in Flachau (all slalom), a joint-record among men and women alongside Janica Kostelic.
- Shiffrin has claimed seven World Cup slalom victories in Austria, equal to Schneider and only trailing Marlies Schild (9) for most among women.
- Shiffrin has won 10 World Cup races in total in Austria, one shy of the women's record of 11 held by Schild, Lindsey Vonn, Renate Götschl and Annemarie Moser-Pröll.
- Shiffrin has claimed 20 podium finishes in ladies' World Cup events in Austria, one fewer than record holders Götschl and Moser-Pröll (21).

Vlhová eyeing first place in the slalom

- Petra Vlhová has finished in second place behind Mikaela Shiffrin in all five World Cup slalom races this season.
- Vlhová can become the first woman to finish runner-up six times in a single event in one World Cup season. She now shares the record of five with Regina Häusl (downhill in 1999/2000) and Marilyn Cochran (giant slalom in 1968/69).
- Only two women have finished a World Cup season with more slalom podiums without a win than Vlhová (5) has in current season: Wendy Holdener (7 in 2017/18, 6 in 2016/17) and Frida Hansdotter (7 in 2017/18).
- Vlhová is the only woman other than Shiffrin to have won a World Cup slalom 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 with a record four ladies' slalom victories on the World Cup among athletes representing Slovakia.

Hansdotter returns to favourite resort

- Frida Hansdotter has claimed 34 podium finishes in ladies' World Cup slalom races, one short of the Swedish record set by Pernilla Wiberg (35).
- Hansdotter has won four World Cup slalom races, two of which were in Flachau (2015, 2017). Her other two wins came in Kranjska Gora (2014) and in Lienz (2015).
- Hansdotter has claimed seven World Cup slalom podiums in Flachau, at least three more than in any other ski resort. She collected those seven podiums in each of the last seven slalom races held in Flachau.
- Hansdotter could equal the women's record for most World Cup slalom podiums in a single ski resort, set by Vreni Schneider (8) in Maribor.
- Hansdotter's last World Cup slalom victory came in Flachau on 10 January 2017. She has finished on the podium in 10 slalom events since that victory.
- Hansdotter celebrated her 33rd birthday on 13 December 2018. 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.

Holdener seeks first slalom win

- Wendy Holdener has collected 19 World Cup podiums in slalom, but has yet to claim her first victory. This is currently the record for most World Cup podiums in a single event without winning, one more than Hubert Strolz (18) in the men's giant slalom.
- Holdener has finished on six World Cup slalom podiums in Austria, at least four more than in any other country.
- The last woman from Switzerland to win a World Cup race in 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 World Cup ladies' slalom (150 races).
- The ladies' slalom is also the event Switzerland is waiting the longest for a World Cup victory (excl. parallel events).

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