

## PREVIEW WOMEN'S DOWNHILL VAL D'ISÈRE – Saturday 16 Dec 2023

### Sofia Goggia

- Sofia Goggia finished second behind Mikaela Shiffrin in the first downhill World Cup event of the season, in St. Moritz on 9 December.
- Goggia (17) is joint-fourth alongside Michela Figini (17) for most women's World Cup downhill victories. The top three are Lindsey Vonn (43), Annemarie Moser-Pröll (36) and Renate Götschl (24).
- Goggia finished second in each of the last three downhill events in the World Cup. She can become the first woman to record four consecutive second-place finishes in World Cup downhill events.
- Goggia has finished runner-up in three consecutive World Cup downhill events for the second time, after a streak of three in February-March 2018.
- Goggia's results in the 10 women's World Cup downhill events since the start of last season: 1st, 2nd, 1st, 1st, 1st, DNF (Cortina d'Ampezzo), 1st, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd.
- Goggia won each of the last two World Cup downhill events held in Val d'Isère, on 19 December 2020 and 18 December 2021. She can become the first woman to win three successive WC downhill events at the resort.
- Only Vonn (4), Moser-Pröll (3) and Marie-Theres Nadig (3) have won more women's World Cup downhill events in Val d'Isère than Goggia (2).

### Mikaela Shiffrin

- Mikaela Shiffrin won the first downhill event of the season, in St. Moritz on 9 December. It marked her fourth career World Cup downhill triumph, after Lake Louise (2 December 2017), Bansko (24 January 2020) and Courchevel (16 March 2022).
- The last woman representing United States to win consecutive World Cup downhill events was Lindsey Vonn, who won each of the last four downhill events in 2017/18.
- Shiffrin has won a record 91 World Cup events. She has only won more World Cup events in Austria (18), United States (10) and Switzerland (9) than in France (8).
- Shiffrin claimed her 91 World Cup wins at 31 different resorts. Val d'Isère is not on the list yet.
- Shiffrin made only two World Cup appearances in Val d'Isère: in the giant slalom on 22 December 2013 (eighth place) and super-G on 19 December 2021 (fifth place).
- Shiffrin's last World Cup victory on French snow came in the Courchevel downhill back in March 2022.
- Sofia Goggia won each of the opening two downhill events in both of the last two World Cup seasons.

### Other contenders

- **Lara Gut-Behrami** has won two downhill World Cup events in Val d'Isère, on 14 December 2012 and 19 December 2015. Only Lindsey Vonn (4), Annemarie Moser-Pröll (3) and Marie-Theres Nadig (3) have won more World Cup downhill events in Val d'Isère than Gut-Behrami (2).
- Gut-Behrami (39) is one short of becoming the seventh woman to record at least 40 victories in World Cup events, and the second representing Switzerland, after Vreni Schneider (55).
- Swiss women have won 14 downhill events in Val d'Isère, at least nine more than any other country (United States follow on five).
- **Federica Brignone** finished third in the St. Moritz downhill on 9 December. Brignone has yet to win a World Cup downhill event (four second places, two third places).
- Brignone (33 years, 155 days) can become the second-oldest winner of a women's World Cup event. Elisabeth Görgl was 33 years and 304 days old when she triumphed in the Val d'Isère super-G on 21 December 2014.
- Brignone is currently in third place in the all-time list of oldest women's World Cup events winners (since her double in the Tremblant giant slalom). Vonn (33-147 in the Åre slalom on 14 March 2018) is in second place behind Görgl.
- **Cornelia Hütter** (4th) and **Mirjam Puchner** (5th) finished in the top five in St. Moritz on 9 December. The last Austrian woman to win a World Cup downhill event was Nicole Schmidhofer in Lake Louise on 7 December 2019.
- The last French woman to win a downhill World Cup event was Ingrid Jacquemod, in Santa Caterina on 7 January 2005.

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