

## World Cup 2025/26 – Women’s Val di Fassa stat sheet

### World Cup history

- **Sandra Naeslund (SWE)** has won the most World Cup races of any athlete, male or female, with the Swedish skier taking her 44th victory in the first race of the Veysonnaz weekend. She is followed on the all-time ranking list by **Marielle Thompson (CAN)** with 36 victories and **Fanny Smith (SUI)** with 35 wins.
- **Fanny Smith (SUI)** holds the record for the most World Cup podium placings of any athlete, male or female, having finished in the top three of a World Cup race on 88 occasions. In an all-female top three, she is followed by **Marielle Thompson (CAN)** with 74 podium finishes, and **Sandra Naeslund (SWE)** with 72 top-three finishes.
- **Katrin Ofner (AUT)** has competed in more World Cup races than any other female athlete. She has competed in 177 races prior to Val di Fassa, with the next female athletes on the list being **Fanny Smith (SUI)** on 171 races and **Marielle Berger Sabbaté (FRA)** on 152.
- Swedish skiers have 99 victories combined in men’s and women’s World Cup races, meaning if a Swedish skier wins in Val di Fassa, it will be the country’s 100th World Cup win. Only Canada has more victories (110).

### In Italy

- **Jole Galli (ITA)** is the only Italian female athlete to make a big final on Italian snow. In total, she has done so on two occasions, including a victory in Val di Fassa in the 2025 season.

### Road to Milano-Cortina

- **Sandra Naeslund (SWE)** is the only female athlete to win the final World Cup race before an Olympic Winter Games and go on to win Olympic gold at the following Games. She did so in 2022, when she won both races in Idre Fjäll before going on to win gold in Beijing.
- Of the 12 female athletes who have finished on the podium in at least one race of the final World Cup meet before an Olympic Winter Games, only two (17%) have gone on to win a medal at the following Games. As well as **Sandra Naeslund (SWE)** in 2022, **Marielle Thompson (CAN)** won gold in 2014 after finishing third in the preceding World Cup race in Kreischberg.

### Sandra Naeslund

- A victory for **Sandra Naeslund (SWE)** in Val di Fassa would be her 10th victory on Italian snow, the most number of wins she would have achieved in a single country. She currently has nine wins in both Italy and France.
- **Sandra Naeslund (SWE)** has made the big final in 16 consecutive races on Italian snow, meaning by the time of the first finals day of Val di Fassa, it will be 9 years, 1 month and 9 days since she last failed to make a big final in Italy.
- **Sandra Naeslund (SWE)** has won six of her most recent eight races in Italy, with all of those victories coming in Innichen.

### Daniela Maier

- With first and second-place finishes in Veysonnaz last weekend, **Daniela Maier** became the first German athlete of any gender to have more than 20 World Cup podium finishes.
- Daniela Maier (GER)** has finished in the top 10 for nine consecutive World Cup races stretching back to the final stop of the 2025 season in Idre Fjäll. Her record is 16 consecutive top-10 finishes, which she achieved between December 2022 and December 2024.

### Marielle Berger Sabbaté

- Marielle Berger Sabbaté (FRA)** currently lies joint-second with **Jean Frederic Chapuis (FRA)** for podium finishes by a French athlete. She can move into outright second on the list with a top-three finish in Val di Fassa, with the only French skier of any gender to have finished on the podium more times being **Ophélie David** (64).

### Miscellaneous

- Katrin Ofner (AUT)** became the first female Austrian skier to finish on the podium of a World Cup race since December 2023, when she finished third in the opening race of the Veysonnaz weekend. Having waited 2 years, 1 month and 11 days for a podium finish, just one day later **Sonja Gigler (AUT)** repeated the feat as she finished second in the second race of the weekend.
- Anouck Errard's (FRA)** fourth-placed finish in the first race of the Veysonnaz weekend was the first time the French skier had reached a big final of a World Cup race.
- A victory for **Fanny Smith (SUI)** or **Marielle Thompson (CAN)** would mean they have World Cup wins in 11 different seasons - equalling the record of **Ophélie David (FRA)** for most seasons with at least one World Cup victory.
- Luisa Klapprott's (GER)** seventh-place finish in the second race of the Veysonnaz weekend was her highest finish in a World Cup race.
- Leonie Bachl-Staudinger (GER)** registered a career-best finish of 16th in the first race of the Veysonnaz weekend.