

PREVIEW WOMEN'S DOWNHILL CRANS-MONTANA – Friday 16 and Saturday 17 Feb 2024

Ragnhild Mowinckel

- Ragnhild Mowinckel won the most recent women's World Cup downhill event, in Cortina d'Ampezzo on 27 January. Mowinckel became only the second woman representing Norway to win a World Cup downhill event, after Kajsa Vickhoff Lie triumphed on home snow in Kvitfjell on 4 March 2023.
- Mowinckel scored 100 World Cup points with her victory, after she had collected only 42 points in the first four downhill events this season (29th, 14th, 25th, 15th). That 15th place was the first downhill in Cortina d'Ampezzo, which took place a day before her win.
- Mowinckel finished runner-up in the World Cup downhill event in Crans-Montana on 26 February 2022 (won by Ester Ledecká). This second place marked Mowinckel's best World Cup result in the downhill prior to her win last month.

Stephanie Venier

- Stephanie Venier (261 points) is second in this season's World Cup downhill standings, behind Sofia Goggia (350 points). Sofia Goggia suffered a broken leg after crashing in training on Monday 5 February.
- Austria won the women's downhill crystal globe five times in a row from 2002/03 to 2006/07, but only one of the 16 globes in this discipline since: Nicole Schmidhofer in 2018/19.
- Venier won one of the five World Cup downhill events this season: in Cortina d'Ampezzo on 26 January. This marked her second career World Cup victory, after a downhill win in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 27 January 2019.
- Venier's best result in a World Cup downhill event in Crans-Montana is a third place on 21 February 2020. Lara Gut-Behrami and Corinne Suter achieved a 1-2 finish for Switzerland that day.
- The last woman representing Austria to win a women's World Cup downhill event in Switzerland was Mirjam Puchner in St. Moritz on 16 March 2016.

Lara Gut-Behrami

- Lara Gut-Behrami comes into this weekend as the overall leader in the women's World Cup following her win in the giant slalom in Soldeu. She overtook Mikaela Shiffrin who did not compete in the Soldeu events. Gut-Behrami previously led the overall ranking this season after the opening event (giant slalom in Sölden on 28 October 2023).
- Gut-Behrami has claimed 43 World Cup victories, including eight on home snow in Switzerland. She only celebrated more World Cup wins in Austria (9).

- Gut-Behrami claimed three World Cup wins in Crans-Montana, including two in downhill events; back-to-back victories on 21 and 22 February 2020. Only Sofia Goggia (4) won more World Cup downhill events at this resort.
- Gut-Behrami has not celebrated a World Cup downhill victory in over two years. She achieved her last of 12 World Cup wins in the downhill in Altenmarkt/Zauchensee on 15 January 2022.

Other contenders

- **Mikaela Shiffrin** - second in the World Cup overall standings - is still recovering from a knee injury and will not compete in Crans-Montana.
- **Federica Brignone** and Sofia Goggia (4 wins each) share the record for most World Cup wins in Crans-Montana. All four of Brignone's victories came in the combined event.
- Brignone (24, alongside Sofia Goggia) can become the first female skier representing Italy to achieve 25 World Cup victories. The only Italian man to have won at least 25 World Cup events Alberto Tomba (50).
- Including last season, **the last seven women's World Cup downhill events were won by seven different women**: Kajsa Vickhoff Lie, Ilka Štuhec, Mikaela Shiffrin, Jasmine Flury, Sofia Goggia, Stephanie Venier and Ragnhild Mowinckel.
- **Jacqueline Wiles'** second place in the most recent women's World Cup downhill event (in Cortina d'Ampezzo on 27 January) marked her best career result at World Cup level.
- Currently injured Sofia Goggia triumphed in last season's World Cup downhill event in Crans-Montana (26 February 2023), ahead of Federica Brignone and Laura Gauché.

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