

PREVIEW WOMEN'S DOWNHILL KVITFJELL – Saturday 2 Mar 2024

Lara Gut-Behrami

- Lara Gut-Behrami (369 points) leads this season's downhill World Cup standings by 19 points. Sofia Goggia is second on 350 points, but she is out for the rest of the season. Stephanie Venier (301) sits in third.
- Gut-Behrami continues her quest of becoming the fourth woman to win a joint-record four World Cup classifications in a single season, after Lindsey Vonn (2009/10, 2011/12), Tina Maze (2012/13) and Mikaela Shiffrin (2018/19).
- Gut-Behrami could win the downhill crystal globe for the first time. In the past 30 years, only one female skier representing Switzerland claimed this specific crystal globe: Corinne Suter in 2019/20.
- Gut-Behrami (13) has equalled Marie-Theres Nadig (13) in joint-eighth place on most World Cup wins in the downhill on the women's side. Their compatriot Maria Walliser (14) is seventh.
- This weekend, Gut-Behrami (44) could equal Renate Götschl (46) in fifth place on most individual World Cup wins among women. Vreni Schneider (55 wins, in fourth place) is the only Swiss woman to have claimed as many individual World Cup victories as Gut-Behrami.
- Gut-Behrami's only three World Cup starts in Norway were in Kvitfjell last season (3-5 March 2023). Her results that weekend: third place (super-G), 21st (downhill) and 20th (super-G).
- **Switzerland** (99) can become the second country to claim 100 wins in women's World Cup downhill events, after Austria (123).

Team Norway

- Norwegian women won only two of the previous 32 women's World Cup events in their home country. Ingeborg Helen Marken triumphed in the Kvitfjell super-G on 7 March 1996 and **Kajsa Vickhoff Lie** took first place in the Kvitfjell downhill on 4 March 2023.
- That win in the Kvitfjell downhill is Vickhoff Lie's only career World Cup victory to date.
- Vickhoff Lie could become the fifth Norwegian woman to claim multiple World Cup victories, after **Ragnhild Mowinckel** (4), Andrine Flemmen (3), Nina Haver-Løseth (2) and Trine Rognmo Bakke (2).
- Vickhoff Lie can join Renate Götschl (2) and Karen Putzer (2) as the only women to have claimed multiple World Cup wins in Norway.
- Mowinckel took first place in the Cortina d'Ampezzo downhill on 27 January to claim Norway's second World Cup victory in a women's downhill, after Vickhoff Lie's win in Kvitfjell last year.
- Mowinckel's results in last season's World Cup weekend in Kvitfjell (3-5 March 2023): 14th (super-G), 18th (downhill) and 15th (super-G). Her only other World Cup start on home snow was a 12th place in the city event in Oslo on New Year's Day in 2019.

- On Monday, Mowinckel announced that she will end her ski racing career at the end of this season.

Other contenders

- Including last season, each of the last nine women's World Cup downhill events got a different winner: **Kajsa Vickhoff Lie (Kvitfjell), Ilka Štuhec, Mikaela Shiffrin, Jasmine Flury, Sofia Goggia, Stephanie Venier, Ragnhild Mowinckel, Lara Gut-Behrami and Marta Bassino.**
- **Marta Bassino** - who turned 28 on Tuesday - celebrated her first career World Cup victory in the downhill in Crans-Montana (17 February).
- There have been seven different winners in the downhill in a single women's World Cup season for the second time, after it was also the case in 2019/20 (7).
- The women's record for most different winners in a specific discipline in a single World Cup season is eight, set in the slalom on three occasions (1983/84, 1987/88 and 1998/99).
- **Federica Brignone** (24, alongside Sofia Goggia and Gustav Thöni) can become the second skier representing Italy to achieve 25 World Cup victories, after Alberto Tomba (50).
- Brignone has yet to win a World Cup downhill event. She came second five times, including in Crans-Montana on 17 February (the most recent downhill).
- **Elvedina Muzaferija's** fourth place (0.11 seconds off the podium) in the second downhill in Crans-Montana (17 February) was the best-ever result for an alpine skier - male or female - representing Bosnia and Herzegovina. Prior to this, the country's best World Cup result in this sport was a 14th place by Muzaferija in the Cortina d'Ampezzo super-G on 28 January this year.

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