

PREVIEW WOMEN'S DOWNHILL ST. ANTON AM ARLBERG – Saturday 14 Jan 2023

Italy

- Alpine skiers from Italy have won each women's World Cup downhill race in 2022/23 (**Sofia Goggia** 3, **Elena Curtoni** 1). The last time a country won the first five downhill races of the season was in 2009/10 when United States' Lindsey Vonn won five in a row.
- Vonn was the last female alpine skier not named Goggia to win at least four women's downhill World Cup races in a single season (4 in 2017/18). Goggia achieved this in 2020/21 (4) and 2021/22 (4).
- Since the start of the 2020/21 season alpine skiers from Italy have won 12 of the 20 women's World Cup downhill races. Of those 12, Goggia has won 11.
- Goggia (15) can join Katia Seizinger (16) in fifth place of the most World Cup downhill wins for a female skier. Lindsey Vonn (43) tops that list.
- Goggia (380) tops the World Cup downhill rankings this season by over 160 points over Corinne Suter (218). Goggia has won the downhill crystal globe in both the last two full seasons.
- Goggia won the last women's downhill World Cup race to be staged at St. Anton am Arlberg on 9 January 2021. Then aged 28, she was the oldest skier to triumph in this race at the venue.
- Goggia (1) can become the first women's skier to win multiple World Cup downhill races in St. Anton am Arlberg.
- Eleni Curtoni's (age 31) victory in St. Moritz on 16 December made her the oldest female skier to win a World Cup downhill race since Vonn's last triumph in Åre on 14 March 2018 at age 33.
- Curtoni can become only the third female Italian alpine skier to win three downhill World Cup races behind Goggia (15) and Isolde Kostner (12).
- **Nadia Delago** won the bronze medal in the women's downhill at the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games. The Italian has yet to reach a World Cup podium, with her best result a fourth place in the downhill in Zauchensee on 15 January 2022. Sister **Nicol Delago** achieved two World Cup downhill podiums, second places in Val Gardena (2018) and Zauchensee (2020).

Corinne Suter

- Corinne Suter (G0-S1-B2) is yet to win a World Cup downhill race this season but has the most podium finishes (3) behind Sofia Goggia (4).
- Suter has already won a World Cup event this season, in the super-G at Lake Louise on 4 December. She has only once won multiple World Cup events in a single season; 2 in 2019/20.
- Suter was the last female skier to win the downhill World Cup rankings before Goggia. She won in 2019/20 and since then has been a runner-up to Goggia in each of the last two seasons.
- Suter won the Olympic gold medal in the downhill at the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games. This World Cup season, she finished on the podium three times in women's downhill events; Lake Louise: second and third and St. Moritz: third.
- Switzerland can win in successive women's World Cup downhill races at an Austrian venue after Lara-Gut-Behrami won in Altenmarkt/Zauchensee on 15 January 2022. The last country to win successive downhill races in Austria was the United States in 2012 (Lindsey Vonn, Schladming) and 2013 (Alice McKennis Duran, St. Anton am Arlberg).

Other contenders

- **Mikaela Shiffrin (82) has equalled the women's record of 82 World Cup wins, by Lindsey Vonn.**
- Shiffrin (82) only has Ingemar Stenmark ahead of her in World Cup wins. The Swede claimed 86 triumphs.
- Only three of Shiffrin's 82 World Cup wins were downhill events, most recently in Courchevel on 16 March 2022.
- **Ilika Štuhec** (age 32) finished second in the downhill in St. Moritz on 17 December to become the oldest podium finisher in a women's World Cup downhill event since Vonn's triumph in Åre on 14 March 2018 at age 33
- Štuhec can become the first Slovenian (male or female) to win a World Cup downhill race at an Austrian venue. Andrej Šporn finished second in Kitzbühel in January 2010 and Tina Maze came third in Schladming in March 2012.
- Austria's **Nina Ortlieb** (second in Lake Louise) and **Cornelia Hütter** (third in Lake Louise) will be looking to win on home snow in St. Anton am Arlberg. Michaela Dorfmeister is the last winner of a World Cup downhill race at the venue when she won in December 1995.
- The last Austrian woman to win a World Cup downhill event is **Nicole Schmidhofer**, in Lake Louise on 7 December 2019.
- **Austria** has won the women's downhill in St. Anton am Arlberg a record-three times: Olga Pall in 1969, Anja Haas in 1993 and Michaela Dorfmeister in 1995.
- **Kira Weidle** has claimed five World Cup downhill podiums (G0-S1-B4), but has yet to win one. The last German woman to win a World Cup event in any discipline is Viktoria Rebensburg, who won the downhill in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 8 February 2020.

- **Lara Gut-Behrami's** best downhill World Cup finish is eighth (in St. Moritz) this season. Her only downhill World Cup podium since the start of last season was her win in Altenmarkt/Zauchensee almost a year to the day (15 January 2022). She has stood on each step of the podium (G1-S1-B1) in World Cup giant slalom races this season.
- Gut-Behrami (35) is ninth in the all-time women's list for most World Cup victories in all disciplines, one behind Katja Seizinger (36) in eighth place.

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