

PREVIEW WOMEN'S DOWNHILL ZERMATT-CERVINIA – 18 Nov 2023

Zermatt-Cervinia

- This will be the first cross-border event in World Cup history. The skiers will start in Switzerland and finish in Italy.
- This will be a new attempt to race the Zermatt-Cervinia downhill for the first time in World Cup history. In October 2022 (two men's downhills), November 2022 (two women's downhills) and November 2023 (two men's downhills) the races had to be cancelled due to the weather conditions.

Sofia Goggia

- Sofia Goggia claimed the downhill crystal globe in each of the last three seasons. Goggia also won this specific World Cup classification in 2017/18.
- This season, Goggia (4) can become the fourth woman to win the downhill crystal globe at least five times, after Lindsey Vonn (8), Annemarie Moser-Pröll (7) and Renate Götschl (5).
- Goggia (17) is joint-fourth alongside Michela Figini (17) for most women's World Cup downhill victories. The top three are Vonn (43), Moser-Pröll (36) and Götschl (24).
- Goggia finished on the podium in eight of the nine World Cup downhill events last season (5 wins, 3 second places). She recorded a DNF in the second Cortina d'Ampezzo downhill on 21 January 2023.
- Goggia triumphed in the opening women's downhill events in each of the last two seasons (events held in Lake Louise). The only women to win the first women's World Cup downhill in three successive seasons are Moser-Pröll (3, 1971/72 - 1973/74) and Vonn (3, 2007/08 - 2009/10).
- The two Zermatt-Cervinia downhills will take place a couple of days after Goggia's 31st birthday on Wednesday 15 November.

Ilka Štuhec

- Sofia Goggia (5) and Ilka Štuhec (2) were the only women to win multiple women's World Cup downhills last season (one victory apiece by Elena Curtoni and Kaja Vickhoff Lie).
- Štuhec emerged victorious in the second Cortina d'Ampezzo downhill on 21 January 2023 and the Soldeu downhill on 15 March (the last WC downhill event of 2022/23).
- Štuhec can win back-to-back World Cup downhill events for the second time, after winning each of the opening three WC downhill events in 2016/17. She went on to claim the downhill crystal globe that season.

Other contenders

- **Ragnhild Mohwinckel** returns to competition after she was disqualified for a forbidden type of wax on her skis in the season opener in Sölden. Mohwinckel had finished the first leg of the giant slalom in sixth place before her skis failed the post-run test.
- **Sara Hector** is the only woman to have finished inside the top five in all three World Cup events in 2023/24: fourth in the Sölden giant slalom, fifth in the first Levi slalom and fourth in the second Levi slalom.
- Hector is looking for her first major victory since winning the gold medal in the giant slalom at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games on 7 February 2022 (event held in Yanqing).
- Hector achieved each of her 13 World Cup podium results in the giant slalom, including four victories.
- **Kajsa Vickhoff Lie** won the World Cup downhill on home snow in Kvitfjell on 4 March. This is her first and so far only victory at World Cup level.
- **Jasmine Flury** claimed the world title in the downhill on Méribel on 11 February ahead of Nina Ortlieb (silver) and Corinne Suter (bronze). Flury has yet to win a downhill event in the World Cup (best result: 2nd place in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 29 January 2022).
- Flury finished only in 15th place in last season's final World Cup downhill standings.

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