

## PREVIEW WOMEN'S DOWNHILL LAKE LOUISE – 3-4 Dec 2021

### Sofia Goggia

- Last season, Sofia Goggia won the downhill crystal globe for a second time, after 2017/18. The five women to have won this globe more than twice are Lindsey Vonn (8), Annemarie Moser-Pröll (7), Renate Götschl (5), Katja Seizinger (4) and Michela Figini (4).
- Goggia can become the first woman to win the downhill globe in successive seasons since Vonn (2014/15-2015/16).
- Goggia finished on the podium in all five of her downhill participations in the 2020/21 World Cup. The Italian finished second in the first race in Val d'Isère, before recording four successive wins in Val d'Isère (2nd race), St. Anton and Crans-Montana (2 wins). She had to cut her season short in January due to an injury.
- Goggia has claimed eight World Cup downhill wins in total. She could become the 11th woman to achieve 10 or more World Cup victories in this discipline. The only active female skier to have already reached this is Lara Gut-Behrami (11).
- The most recent Italian woman to win the Lake Louise downhill in the World Cup is Elena Fanchini on 2 December 2005.

### Corinne Suter

- Corinne Suter won the downhill crystal globe in 2019/20 and finished second in this standings in 2020/21.
- Suter has collected two World Cup event wins in the downhill, in Altenmarkt-Zauchensee on 11 January 2020 and in last season's downhill opener in Val d'Isère on 18 December 2020.
- Suter won the downhill world title at the 2021 World Championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo.
- The most recent Swiss woman to achieve a World Cup downhill win in Lake Louise was Chantal Bournissen on 19 December 1992.

### Lara Gut-Behrami

- Lara Gut-Behrami has yet to win the downhill crystal globe. She has already won the overall globe (2015/16) and three super-G globes (2013/14, 2015/16, 2020/21).
- Gut-Behrami (32) is one shy of equalling Hanni Wenzel (33) in ninth place on the women's list for most World Cup wins. Katja Seizinger (36) is in eighth.
- Gut-Behrami is level with Maria Höfl-Riesch (both 11) in ninth place on the list for most women's World Cup downhill victories. Marie-Theres Nadig (13) and Isolde Kostner (12) are in seventh and eighth place respectively.
- Gut-Behrami won the two most recent World Cup downhill races, held in Val di Fassa on 26 and 27 February. The most recent Swiss woman to claim three successive World Cup downhill wins was Michela Figini in February 1989 (three in a row, including two in Lake Louise).

## Other contenders

- **Breezy Johnson** finished in third place in each of the opening four downhill events of the 2020/21 World Cup, to date her only World Cup podiums.
- Skiers representing United States have claimed 18 women's World Cup downhill wins in Lake Louise (including 14 by Lindsey Vonn), a record for a single country at a specific ski resort in this discipline.
- The most recent USA woman to win the Lake Louise downhill in the World Cup was **Mikaela Shiffrin** on 2 December 2017 (her first win in this discipline).
- **Nicole Schmidhofer**, winner of the 2018/19 downhill crystal globe, could make her comeback to the World Cup. All three of her World Cup downhill wins came in Lake Louise, two in 2018 and one in 2019.
- Of the six most recent World Cup downhill races held in Lake Louise, four were won by Austrian women: three by Schmidhofer and one by **Cornelia Hütter** (2017).
- **Ester Ledecká** won the Lake Louise downhill on 6 December 2019, her first career World Cup win.
- **Kira Weidle**, silver medallist in the downhill at the 2021 World Championships, finished third in the most recent downhill event held in the World Cup, in Val di Fassa on 27 February. Since the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games, the only German woman who claimed a World Cup victory in the downhill is Viktoria Rebensburg, who won in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 8 February 2020.

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