

PREVIEW WOMEN'S DOWNHILL BANSKO – Friday 24 & Saturday 25 Jan 2020

Corinne Suter

- Corinne Suter won the most recent downhill in the World Cup, in Altenmarkt. It marked her first race win in the World Cup.
- Suter became the seventh different skier in a row to win a women's downhill event in the World Cup, after Ramona Siebenhofer (Cortina d'Ampezzo), Stephanie Vernier (Garmisch-Partenkirchen), Sofia Goggia (Crans-Montana), Mirjam Puchner (Soldeu), Ester Ledecká (Lake Louise) and Nicole Schmidhofer (Lake Louise).
- Suter can become the first Swiss woman to win successive downhills in the World Cup since Dominique Gisin won in Altenmarkt and Cortina d'Ampezzo in January 2009.
- Suter finished in the top five in seven of the last eight World Cup downhill events. She is currently leading this season's downhill standings.
- The first of two World Cup downhill events held in Bansko was won by a Swiss woman: Fabienne Suter (no relation) on 27 February 2009.

Ester Ledecká

- Ester Ledecká is in second place in this season's downhill standings. She won the first race in Lake Louise, her first World Cup win in Alpine Skiing.
- Ledecká claimed both of her major Alpine Skiing victories wearing bib 26: Olympic gold in the super-G in 2018 and the Lake Louise downhill win in 2019.
- Ledecká can become the third Czech alpine skier to win multiple World Cup races, after Olga Charvátová (2 for Czechoslovakia) and Šárka Strachová (2).
- Ledecká has won 18 World Cup events in snowboarding.

Nicole Schmidhofer

- Nicole Schmidhofer has claimed three downhill wins in the World Cup, all in Lake Louise.
- Seven of the last 11 women's downhill races in the World Cup were won by Austrians: Schmidhofer (3), Ramona Siebenhofer (2), Stephanie Venier (1) and Mirjam Puchner (1).
- The most recent World Cup downhill race held in Bansko was won by an Austrian woman: Andrea Fischbacher on 28 February 2009.

Other contenders

- **Mikaela Shiffrin** has won 64 World Cup races, ranking her in second place on the all-time women's list. Lindsey Vonn holds the women's record of 82 race wins.
- On the men's side, only Ingemar Stenmark (86) and Marcel Hirscher (67) have won more World Cup races.

- **Ilka Štuhec** has won nine World Cup events, including five in the downhill. Only Tina Maze (26) has won at least 10 among skiers representing Slovenia.
- **Sofia Goggia** has won seven World Cup races in all events. Only Deborah Compagnoni (16), Isolde Kostner (15), Federica Brignone (13) and Karen Putzer (8) have won more among Italian women.
- **Michelle Gisin** finished third in the Altenmarkt downhill, her fourth World Cup podium in this discipline. She has yet to win her first World Cup race.
- Swiss women could win successive downhills in the World Cup for the first time since January 2009, when Michelle's older sister Dominique Gisin won in both Altenmarkt and Cortina d'Ampezzo.
- **Nicol Delago** (second in 2018 Val Gardena, second in 2020 Altenmarkt) and **Francesca Marsaglia** (third in 2019 Lake Louise) are chasing their first World Cup win. Six Italian women have already won a downhill race in the World Cup.
- **Kira Weidle** (2) and **Viktorija Rebensburg** (1) both finished on a downhill podium last World Cup season. The last German woman to win a downhill race in the World Cup was Maria Höfl-Riesch in Cortina d'Ampezzo on 24 January 2014.

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