

## PREVIEW WOMEN'S DOWNHILL SOCHI – Saturday 1 Feb 2020

### Elena Curtoni

- Elena Curtoni won the most recent World Cup downhill event, the second race in Bansko last weekend. It marked her first World Cup win in any event.
- Curtoni became the ninth 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), Nicole Schmidhofer (Lake Louise), Corinne Suter (Altenmarkt/Zauchensee) and Mikael Shiffrin (Bansko).
- Curtoni led an all Italian podium in Bansko on Saturday, finishing ahead of compatriots Marta Bassino and Federica Brignone.
- Ramona Siebenhofer was the last woman to win back-to-back downhill World Cup events on 18 and 19 January 2019, both in Cortina d'Ampezzo.
- The last Italian female skier to win back-to-back downhill World Cup events was Sofia Goggia on 14 and 19 January 2018.

### Marta Bassino

- Marta Bassino finished second in the second downhill World Cup event in Bansko. It marked her first podium in the downhill.
- Bassino also finished second in the super-G last weekend in Bansko. She had never claimed podium finishes on speed events before.
- Bassino has claimed 11 podiums in World Cup events. She claimed six podiums in the giant slalom, two in the Alpine combined, one in the parallel giant slalom, one in the super-G and one in the downhill.
- Italian women have won six World Cup events this season. Only in 1996/97 (10) they won more combined.

### Corinne Suter

- Corinne Suter is currently leading this season's downhill standings. Her only downhill World Cup event win was in Altenmarkt/Zauchensee earlier this season.
- Last weekend in Bansko, Suter finished 14th and ninth, after finishing in the top-5 in six World Cup downhill events, including four podiums.
- The last Swiss female skier to win multiple downhill World Cup events in a single season was Lara Gut-Behrami in 2015/16 (2).

### Other contenders

- At the Olympic Games in Sochi in 2014, the women's downhill event had two winners: Tina Maze and Dominique Gisin finished in the same time.
- **Ester 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).
- **Nicole Schmidhofer** has claimed three downhill wins in the World Cup, all in Lake Louise.
- **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.

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