

PREVIEW WOMEN'S DOWNHILL GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN – Friday 7 Feb 2020-Saturday 8 Feb 2020

Elena Curtoni

- Elena Curtoni won the most recent World Cup downhill event, the second race in Bansko. 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 Mikaela 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, both in Cortina d'Ampezzo on 18 and 19 January 2019.
- 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 in Bansko. She had never claimed podium finishes in speed events before.
- Bassino has claimed 11 podiums in World Cup events: six 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 seven 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.
- Suter finished 14th and ninth in Bansko, after finishing in the top five in six successive 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

- **Federica Brignone** claimed her 14th World Cup victory when she won the super-G in Sochi last week. Deborah Compagnoni (16) and Isolde Kostner (15) are the only Italian woman to have won more World Cup events.
- Brignone finished second and third in the downhill World Cups in Bansko, but she has yet to win her first downhill World Cup event.
- **Stephanie Venier** won the downhill in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in 2019, ahead of Sofia Goggia and Kira Weidle. It is Venier's last World Cup win to date. Lindsey Vonn (5) is the only woman to have won the women's World Cup downhill in Garmisch-Partenkirchen more than once.
- **Michelle Gisin** finished third in the Altenmarkt downhill, her fourth World Cup podium in this discipline. Gisin has yet to win a World Cup event. She claimed eight career podiums.
- **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.
- **Joana Hählen** finished third in the Downhill in Bansko, her best results in the World Cup.

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