

## PREVIEW WOMEN'S DOWNHILL ST ANTON AM ARLBERG – Saturday 9 Jan 2021

### Corinne Suter

- Corinne Suter won the downhill and super-G crystal globes last season. Suter currently shares the lead in the downhill World Cup standings with Sofia Goggia (both on 180 points).
- Suter won the opening downhill event in the 2020/21 World Cup, in Val d'Isère on 18 December. She finished runner-up behind Goggia in the second race at the same ski resort.
- Her only other World Cup victory in this discipline came in Altenmarkt/Zauchensee on 11 January 2020. This was the first World Cup downhill event of the new calendar year.
- Suter finished in the top two in each of the last four World Cup downhill events, following her fifth-place finish in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 8 February 2020.
- Suter claimed a top five spot in 11 of the last 13 World Cup downhill events she competed in. The only exceptions came in Bansko in January 2020: 14th and 9th.
- Suter claimed eight podium finishes since the start of 2019 in the World Cup women's downhill events, double the amount of any other competitor in this discipline.
- The only Swiss woman to win the World Cup downhill event in St. Anton am Arlberg was Corinne Rey-Bellet on 16 January 1999.

### Sofia Goggia

- Sofia Goggia is the joint leader of the 2020/21 World Cup downhill standings alongside Corinne Suter.
- Goggia won the most recent downhill event in the World Cup, in Val d'Isère on 19 December. She had finished second behind Suter the day before.
- Goggia could win back-to-back World Cup downhill races for the second time in her career, after successive wins in January 2018: in Bad Kleinkirchheim and Cortina d'Ampezzo.
- Among Italian women, only Deborah Compagnoni (16), Isolde Kostner (15) and Federica Brignone (15) have celebrated more World Cup victories in all disciplines than Goggia (8).
- Goggia has recorded 29 podiums, with almost half of them finishing as runner up (14).
- The only Italian woman to have reached the podium in the St. Anton am Arlberg downhill is Daniele Merighetti, who came second in 2013.

## Breezy Johnson

- Breezy Johnson finished third in the two downhill events in the 2020/21 World Cup. Those are her only World Cup podiums in all disciplines.
- The last female skier representing United States other than Lindsey Vonn and Mikaela Shiffrin to win a World Cup event is Alice Mckennis Duran, who won the downhill race in St. Anton am Arlberg on 12 January 2013.
- Female skiers from USA won the last two World Cup downhill events in this ski resort: Vonn in 2007 and Mckennis Duran in 2013.
- Only Austrian woman (3) have won more World Cup women's downhill events in St. Anton am Arlberg than US skiers (2).

## Federica Brignone

- Federica Brignone finished third in last season's downhill standings. Brignone won the overall, giant slalom and Alpine combined standings.
- Brignone has achieved four World Cup podiums in the downhill, but has yet to win one. Of those four podiums, three came in her last six participations in this discipline.
- Brignone (giant slalom, super-G, Alpine combined) can become the second Italian skier to win a World Cup event in four different disciplines, after Gustav Thöni (giant slalom, slalom, combination, city event).
- Brignone (15) is one shy of equalling the record for most World Cup race wins by an Italian woman, held by Deborah Compagnoni (16). Brignone now shares second place with Isolde Kostner (15).
- Brignone could become the first Italian woman to win a World Cup race in more than 12 different ski resorts. Compagnoni also emerged victorious at 12 different venues.

## Other contenders

- The last seven women's World Cup events were won by as many different athletes: Petra Vlhová, Michelle Gisin, Ester Ledecká, Sofia Goggia, Corinne Suter, Mikaela Shiffrin and Marta Bassino.
- **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.
- **Ester Ledecká** could for her second downhill victory in the World Cup, after she triumphed in Lake Louise on 6 December 2019.
- **Lara Gut-Behrami** (9) has won the most downhill races in the World Cup among active female skiers. She can become the 10th woman to win at least 10 downhills in the World Cup.
- Gut-Behrami's 26 World Cup wins in all disciplines are equal to Figini (26) in third place among Swiss women. Only Vreni Schneider (55) and Erika Hess (31) have won more.

- **Kira Weidle** can become the first female skier from Germany other than retired Viktoria Regensburg to claim a World Cup win since Maria Höfl-Riesch in Cortina d'Ampezzo in 2014 (downhill).
- **Kajsa Vickhoff Lie** finished fourth in the most recent World Cup downhill event, her best result in all disciplines.
- The last Norwegian woman to finish on the podium in a World Cup downhill race is Ingeborg Helen Marken: second in Sierra Nevada on 10 March 1999.
- Norwegian women finished on the podium in a World Cup downhill race on six occasions, but never won.
- **Austria** has won the women's downhill in St. Anton am Arlberg a record-three times: Olga Pall in 1969, Anja Haas in 1993 and Michaela Dorfmeister in 1995.
- Austria has not won a women's World Cup downhill race since Nicole Schmidhofer in Lake Louise on 7 December 2019.

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