

## PREVIEW WOMEN'S DOWNHILL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – Saturday 13 Feb 2021

### Corinne Suter

- Corinne Suter won the downhill crystal globe last season. She also claimed silver in the women's downhill at the most recent world championships, in Åre in 2019.
- Suter can become the first Swiss woman to win the downhill world title since Maria Walliser in 1989.
- In 2019, Suter became the third Swiss woman to collect a world championship medal in both the super-G and downhill in the same year, after Michela Figini (two silver) and Maria Walliser (two gold) in 1987. Suter took bronze in the super-G and silver in the downhill in Åre.
- On Thursday 11 February, Suter won her second medal in the women's super-G as she finished second behind Lara Gut-Behrami. The only woman who claimed a medal in both the super-G and downhill at two separate world championships was Lindsey Vonn (two silver in 2007, two gold in 2009).

### Lara Gut-Behrami

- Lara Gut-Behrami won the women's super-G world title on Thursday 11 February, claiming her first gold medal at the world championships.
- Gut-Behrami can become the fifth woman to complete the super-G/downhill double at a single world championships, after Maria Walliser (1987), Anja Pärson (2007), Lindsey Vonn (2009) and Elisabeth Görgl (2011).
- Three Swiss women managed to collect a world championship medal in both the super-G and downhill in the same year: Michela Figini (two silver) and Maria Walliser (two gold) in 1987, and Corinne Suter (bronze super-G, silver downhill) in 2019.
- Gut-Behrami can become the first Swiss woman to win the downhill world title since Maria Walliser in 1989.
- Gut-Behrami already claimed two world championship medals in the downhill: silver in 2009 and bronze in 2015. She also won Olympic bronze in this event in Sochi in 2014.
- Only Vonn (G2-S3-B3) has won more world championship medals in the women's speed events than Gut-Behrami (G1-S2-B2).
- Gut-Behrami (G1-S3-B2) could equal Erika Hess (G6-S0-B1) on a record seven world championship medals among Swiss women.

## Other contenders

- The last three women's downhill world titles were won by skiers representing Slovenia: Tina Maze in 2015 and **Ilka Štuhec** in 2017 and 2019.
- Štuhec can become the first woman to win the downhill at three successive world championships.
- Štuhec could join Annemarie Moser-Pröll and Christel Kranz on a record three world titles in the women's downhill. A male skier has yet to win the downhill three times at the world championships.
- **Breezy Johnson** is hoping to become the fourth woman from United States to win the downhill world title, after Picabo Street (1996), Hilary Lindh (1997) and Lindsey Vonn (2009).
- United States has won 13 world championship medals in the women's downhill. The only event in which US skiers have won more medals is the women's slalom event (14).
- **Ester Ledecka** is looking to become the second Czech skier to claim a medal at the world championships, after Šárka Strachová who finished on the podium of the women's slalom four times (including gold in 2007).
- Three **Italian women** have won a world title on Italian snow: Paula Wiesinger in the downhill in Cortina d'Ampezzo in 1932, Deborah Compagnoni in the slalom and giant slalom in Sestriere in 1997, and Kostner in the super-G in Sestriere in 1997 (excludes result in Alpine combined on 8 February).
- The last Italian to claim a world championship medal in the women's downhill was Nadia Fanchini (silver) in 2013.
- **Austria** has won the women's downhill a record 13 times at the world championships, but only once in the last nine editions: Elisabeth Görgl in 2011.

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