

PREVIEW WOMEN'S DOWNHILL VAL DI FASSA – 26-27 Feb 2021

Corinne Suter

- Corinne Suter won the women's downhill world title in Cortina d'Ampezzo on 13 February. She became the first Swiss woman to achieve this since Maria Walliser in 1989.
- The last reigning downhill world champion to win the first World Cup downhill event held after the world championships was Renate Götschl in Åre on 27 February 1999.
- Suter won the opening downhill race of this season, in Val d'Isère on 18 December. She also finished second on the second race day in Val d'Isère.
- Suter has claimed eight World Cup podiums in the downhill, all in her last 15 appearances in this discipline.

Breezy Johnson

- Breezy Johnson finished fifth in the most recent downhill in the World Cup, after claiming a third place in each of the first four downhill events this season.
- Only Hilde Gerg (5) in 2004/05 claimed more third places in women's downhill events in a World Cup season. Gerg also won one race that season, in Lake Louise.
- The last woman from United States other than Lindsey Vonn and Mikaela Shiffrin to win a World Cup event in any discipline is Alice Mckennis Duran, who won the downhill race in St. Anton am Arlberg on 12 January 2013.

Lara Gut-Behrami

- Lara Gut-Behrami returns to the World Cup after a successful world championships. The Swiss won the world titles in the super-G and giant slalom, and collected the bronze medal in the downhill.
- 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 has won two World Cup downhill events in Italy: in La Thuile on 19 February 2016 and in Cortina d'Ampezzo on 28 January 2017. She can become the third woman to win a World Cup downhill in three different Italian venues, after Annemarie Moser-Pröll (Sestriere, Cortina d'Ampezzo, Piancavallo) and Renate Götschl (Cortina d'Ampezzo, Sestriere, San Sicario).

Other contenders

- **Kira Weidle** finished on the podium twice in World Cup downhill events, including a third place in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in 2019. She also claimed the silver medal in this event at the world championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo.
- In the last seven years, only one German woman won a World Cup downhill event: Viktoria Rebensburg in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 8 February 2020.
- **Tamara Tippler** has claimed eight World Cup podiums in all disciplines (7 in super-G, 1 in downhill), but has yet to win her first event.
- **Ilika Štuhec** has won nine World Cup events, including five in the downhill. Only Tina Maze (26) has won at least 10 World Cup events among skiers representing Slovenia.
- Štuhec finished on the podium in each of the last three World Cup downhill events held in Italy, including a victory in Val Gardena on 18 December 2018.
- **Kajsa Vickhoff Lie** can become the first Norwegian woman to finish on the podium in a World Cup downhill race since Ingeborg Helen Marken's second place 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.
- **Federica Brignone** has achieved four World Cup podiums in the downhill, but has yet to win one.
- 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, parallel).
- **Ramona Siebenhofer** won the last two downhill races in the World Cup on Italian soil, as she emerged victorious in Cortina d'Ampezzo on 18 and 19 January 2019. Those are her only World Cup wins (all disciplines).
- Siebenhofer finished fifth in the downhill at the world championships, her best result of this season.

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