

## PREVIEW WOMEN'S DOWNHILL LENZERHEIDE – Wednesday 17 Mar 2021

### Sofia Goggia

- Sofia Goggia leads the downhill standings this World Cup season by 70 points. Regardless of her opponents, she will be guaranteed the downhill crystal globe if she finishes inside the top 8 in this event.
- Goggia could join Isolde Kostner (2000/01 and 2001/02) as the only Italian women to win the women's downhill crystal globe on multiple occasions. Goggia previously won it in 2017/18.
- Goggia won four World Cup downhill events in a row before she missed the next two World Cup races in this discipline as well as the world championships due to a knee injury.
- The last woman to win at least five downhill races in a single World Cup season was Lindsey Vonn in 2015/16 (5).
- The only Italian woman to have claimed five World Cup victories in a single discipline in one season is Denise Karbon in the giant slalom: five wins in 2007/08.
- Goggia won three World Cup downhill races in Switzerland, more than in any country. All those three wins were achieved in Crans-Montana.
- Kostner is the only Italian woman to ever win a World Cup event in Lenzerheide as she won the super G in 2001.
- Italian women have claimed nine World Cup victories in all disciplines combined in 2020/21, one shy of their all-time country record set in 1996/97 (10).

### Corinne Suter

- Corinne Suter is currently second in the downhill standings this World Cup season on 410 points, 70 points behind Sofia Goggia. To have a chance of overtaking Goggia, Suter has to win or finish second in this event.
- Suter finished inside the top two in three of the previous seven downhill races this World Cup season. She achieved those results in Val d'Isère (win on 18 December, 2nd the next day) and in Val di Fassa on 27 February (2nd).
- Suter could become the first woman to win the women's downhill crystal globe in consecutive seasons since Lindsey Vonn in 2014/15 and 2015/16.
- The last Swiss woman to achieve this was Michela Figini from 1986/87 to 1988/89 (3 in a row).
- Suter won the women's downhill world title in Cortina d'Ampezzo on 13 February. The last reigning downhill world champion to win the women's downhill crystal globe that same season was Ilka Štuhec in 2016/17.
- Suter could become the fourth Swiss woman to win the Lenzerheide downhill in the World Cup, following in the footsteps of Corinne Imlig (2000), Corinne Rey-Bellet (2002) and Gut-Behrami (2014).

- Lenzerheide host a women's World Cup downhill for the 10th time. The previous nine wins were equally divided between three countries: Austria, Switzerland and USA.

### **Lara Gut-Behrami**

- Besides Sofia Goggia and Corinne Suter, Lara Gut-Behrami is the only remaining woman to have a chance of winning the crystal globe in this discipline. Gut-Behrami is 97 points behind Goggia and 27 points behind her compatriot Suter.
- In order to snatch away the women's downhill crystal globe, Gut-Behrami must win and Goggia has to finish outside the top 28 AND she need to surpass Suter in the standings, who is currently 27 points ahead of her with one win fewer.
- Gut-Behrami already secured the women's super-G crystal globe this season. Suter won the downhill and super-G crystal globes last season.
- Suter and Michela Figini (1987/88) are the two Swiss women to have won the downhill and super-G standings in a single World Cup season.
- Gut-Behrami won the last two World Cup downhill events: in Val di Fassa (26-27 February). She has never set a streak of three in this discipline nor won more than two World Cup downhill races in one season.
- Gut-Behrami won the most recent women's downhill race held in Lenzerheide, back in 2014. The only woman to celebrate two World Cup victories in the downhill at this ski resort is Renate Götschl (2005, 2007).
- Gut-Behrami (32) is in 10th place on the all-time list for most World Cup victories in all disciplines among women. She could join Hanni Wenzel (33) in ninth place.
- Gut-Behrami and Petra Vlhová (both 6) have claimed the most World Cup wins in all disciplines in 2020/21.

### **Breezy Johnson**

- Breezy Johnson came third in the opening four downhill events this World Cup season. Those podium places were followed by two fifth-place finishes and a DNF.
- 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.
- Johnson could become the fourth US woman to claim a World Cup downhill victory in Lenzerheide, after Picabo Street (1995), Kirsten Clark (2001) and Julia Mancuso (2011).
- The last women representing Team USA, other than Mikaela Shiffrin or Lindsey Vonn, to win a downhill event in the World Cup was Alice McKennis Duran in St. Anton am Arlberg on 12 January 2013.
- Team USA could fail to win a single women's World Cup downhill race in a season for the second time in the last seven seasons, following 2018/19.

## Other contenders

- The wins in the seven women's downhill races this season were divided among three women: Sofia Goggia (4), Lara Gut-Behrami (2) and Corinne Suter (1).
- This is the lowest tally of different winners since 2009/10 (2). Last season, there were seven different winners with Gut-Behrami (2) as the only woman to triumph more than once in this discipline.
- **Kira Weidle** finished on the podium on three occasions in World Cup downhill events, including a third place in Val di Fassa on 27 February. 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 managed to win 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. Her only podium spot in the downhill was achieved in St. Anton am Arlberg on 9 January 2021 (2nd place).
- Tippler's compatriot **Ramona Siebenhofer** came runner-up in Val di Fassa on 26 February. The last season in which Austrian women did not win a single downhill in the World Cup was in 2014/15.
- The last **Austrian** woman to emerge victorious in a World Cup race in Switzerland was Mirjam Puchner, when she won the downhill in St. Moritz on 16 March 2016.
- **Ester Ledecká** won one major downhill in the World Cup: in Lake Louise on 6 December 2019. Her best result this season was a second-place finish in Crans-Montana on 22 January.
- Ledecká also won one World Cup super-G event and can become first Czech skier to win at least three World Cup races. Olga Charvátová (2 for Czechoslovakia) and Šárka Strachová (2) won twice as well.

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