

PREVIEW WOMEN'S DOWNHILL VAL D'ISÈRE – Saturday 18 Dec 2021

Sofia Goggia

- Sofia Goggia won the opening two women's downhill events of this World Cup campaign, both in Lake Louise (3-4 December). The last alpine skier to win the first two downhills of the season and go on to claim the downhill crystal globe was Nicole Schmidhofer in 2018/19.
- The most recent alpine skier to win the opening three women's downhill events of a World Cup season was Ilka Štuhec in 2016/17. Štuhec went on to claim the downhill crystal globe that campaign.
- Goggia won each of the last six women's World Cup downhill events she participated in, since a second-place finish in Val d'Isère on 18 December 2020 (won by Corinne Suter). The last time she missed out on a podium spot was in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 8 February 2020 (fourth). Goggia missed the last two downhill events of last World Cup campaign in Val di Fassa due to an injury, both events were won by Lara Gut-Behrami.
- Goggia (5 in 2021) can become the third woman to claim at least six World Cup downhill victories in a single calendar year, after Annemarie Moser-Pröll (8 in 1973, 7 in 1978) and Picabo Street (6 in 1995).
- Goggia has won 14 career World Cup events (all disciplines). The only three women representing Italy to have won more are Federica Brignone (17), Deborah Compagnoni (16) and Isolde Kostner (15).
- Last season's downhill crystal globe winner Goggia is hoping to become the first woman to win the overall downhill World Cup in successive seasons since Lindsey Vonn in 2014/15-2015/16.

Corinne Suter

- Corinne Suter is the last woman to beat Sofia Goggia in a World Cup downhill event, as she won in Val d'Isère on 18 December 2020 just 0.11 seconds ahead of the Italian. Goggia did not participate in the final two downhill events of last World Cup season.
- Suter reached the podium in three of the last four women's World Cup downhill events, with the only exception in this run a fifth-place finish in the opening event of this season in Lake Louise on 3 December.
- Suter won the downhill crystal globe in 2019/20 and finished second in the standings in 2015/16 and 2020/21.

Lara Gut-Behrami

- Lara Gut-Behrami finished 17th and 23rd in the opening two women's downhill events of this World Cup season in Lake Louise. She won the final two downhill events of last World Cup campaign, both in Val di Fassa.
- Gut-Behrami won the first super-G in St. Moritz last weekend to claim her first World Cup victory of the season. She has now won 33 career World Cup events (all disciplines), ranking her joint-ninth on the women's list alongside Hanni Wenzel (33). Katja Seizinger (36) is in eighth position.
- Gut-Behrami claimed 11 of her 33 World Cup wins in the downhill, including two in Val d'Isère. The only women to win more World Cup downhill events in the French town are Lindsey Vonn (4), Annemarie Moser-Pröll (3) and Marie-Theres Nadig (3).
- Gut-Behrami has yet to win the downhill crystal globe. She has already won the overall globe (2015/16) and three super-G globes (2013/14, 2015/16, 2020/21).

Other contenders

- **Breezy Johnson** finished second behind Sofia Goggia in both of the opening two women's downhill events of this World Cup season (in Lake Louise). She finished in third place in each of the opening four downhill events of the 2020/21 World Cup.
- Johnson has claimed six podium finishes in World Cup downhill events, the most among active female alpine skiers not to have claimed a single victory.
- The most recent non-European winner of a women's World Cup downhill event was USA's Mikaela Shiffrin in Bansko on 24 January 2020. The last USA alpine skier to win a women's World Cup downhill event in Val d'Isère was Lindsey Vonn on 20 December 2014.
- **Mirjam Puchner** finished third in the opening women's downhill event of this World Cup season in Lake Louise on 3 December. It marked her first podium finish in this discipline since her victory in Soldeu on 13 March 2019.
- Puchner can become the first woman representing Austria to win a women's World Cup downhill event since **Nicole Schmidhofer** on 7 December 2019 in Lake Louise.
- Schmidhofer, winner of the 2018/19 downhill crystal globe, made her comeback to the World Cup with a 35th-place finish in the women's downhill event in Lake Louise on 3 December. She finished in 43rd position in the second downhill the next day.
- Schmidhofer finished lower than eighth in all her eight women's World Cup downhill appearances since her victory in Lake Louise on 7 December 2019.

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