

PREVIEW WOMEN'S DOWNHILL CORTINA D'AMPEZZO – Saturday 22 Jan 2022

Sofia Goggia

- Sofia Goggia crashed in the most recent World Cup downhill event, in Zauchensee last Saturday (DNF), ending her perfect start to the season. The Italian had won each of the opening three downhill events of the 2021/22 World Cup.
- Goggia, who had won the last seven World Cup downhill events she participated in, failed to reach the podium in a World Cup downhill for the first time since a fourth-place finish in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 8 February 2020.
- Goggia (3) is one short of equalling her total number of World Cup downhill wins in the whole of last season (4). The Italian won her second downhill crystal globe last campaign, after 2017/18.
- The only women to win more than two downhill crystal globes are Lindsey Vonn (8), Annemarie Moser-Pröll (7), Renate Götschl (5), Katja Seizinger (4) and Michela Figini (4). Goggia leads the overall downhill World Cup standings, 60 points ahead of Breezy Johnson.
- Goggia is hoping to become the first woman to win the downhill globe in successive seasons since Vonn (2014/15-2015/16). The only Italian woman to win the overall downhill in back-to-back World Cup campaigns was Isolde Kostner (2000/01-2001/02).
- Goggia has won 11 career World Cup downhill events. The only Italian woman to win as many is Kostner (12). In all disciplines, only Federica Brignone (18) and Deborah Compagnoni (16) won as many World Cup events among Italian women as Goggia (16).
- Goggia can claim her second World Cup win in Cortina d'Ampezzo, after winning the downhill event on 19 January 2018. One month later, Goggia won gold in this discipline at the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games.

Breezy Johnson

- Breezy Johnson finished second behind Sofia Goggia in each of the opening three downhill events of this World Cup season, but did not start in last Saturday's event in Altenmarkt due to injury.
- Johnson (3) is one shy of equalling her total number of World Cup downhill podium finishes in the whole of last World Cup season (4, all third-place finishes).
- Johnson has claimed seven career 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, almost two years to the date of this event in Cortina d'Ampezzo.
- Johnson is second in the overall downhill standings, 60 points behind leader Goggia. The two women representing USA to win the downhill crystal globe are Lindsey Vonn (8) and Picabo Street (2).

Other contenders

- **Mirjam Puchner** (2) is the only woman other than Sofia Goggia (3) and Breezy Johnson (3) to claim multiple podium finishes in World Cup downhill events this season. Puchner finished third in Lake Louise on 3 December and in Val d'Isère on 18 December.
- Puchner's most recent World Cup downhill win was in Soldeu on 13 March 2019. The last Austrian woman to win a World Cup downhill was Nicole Schmidhofer in Lake Louise on 7 December 2019.
- **Lara Gut-Behrami** won the most recent World Cup downhill event in Altenmarkt last Saturday, recording her first podium finish in this discipline of the season. It was her 12th career World Cup downhill victory.
- Gut-Behrami (12) is joint-eighth alongside Isolde Kostner (12) on the women's list for most World Cup downhill victories. Marie-Theres Nadig (13) is in seventh place.
- 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).
- **Ramona Siebenhofer** finished in the top four in three of the four World Cup downhill events of this season. Her third-place finish in Altenmarkt last Saturday was her first podium finish of the campaign.
- Siebenhofer has claimed two career World Cup downhill victories, both in Cortina d'Ampezzo in January 2019. Only Lindsey Vonn (6), Renate Götschl (5) and Isolde Kostner (4) won more World Cup downhill events in the Italian ski resort.
- **Kira Weidle** finished second in the World Cup downhill event in Altenmarkt last Saturday to record her best finish in a World Cup event (any discipline).
- The last woman representing Germany to win a World Cup downhill event was Viktoria Rebensburg in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 8 February 2020.

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