

PREVIEW WOMEN'S DOWNHILL CRANS-MONTANA – 26-27 Feb 2022

Sofia Goggia

- Sofia Goggia is leading this season's World Cup downhill standings on 400 points, 69 points ahead of Corinne Suter in second place.
- If Goggia is leading the downhill standings by at least 100 points after the races in Crans-Montana, she will become the first woman since Lindsey Vonn (2014/15-2015/16) to claim the downhill crystal globe in successive seasons.
- Goggia (2017/18, 2020/21) could join Vonn (8), Annemarie Moser-Pröll (7), Renate Götschl (5), Katja Seizinger (4) and Michela Figini (4) as the women to win the downhill crystal globe more than twice.
- Goggia won eight of the last nine World Cup downhill events she participated in (except a DNF in Zauchensee), including both Crans-Montana races last season. At the Olympic Winter Games, the Italian picked up the silver medal in this event.
- Apart from her double downhill win in Crans-Montana last season, Goggia also claimed the win in the Swiss ski resort in 2019. The only alpine skier to have claimed more World Cup wins in Crans-Montana is Federica Brignone (4, all in Alpine combined).
- Goggia has equalled Isolde Kostner (both 12) on most World Cup downhill victories among Italian women. On the all-time women's list for most World Cup wins in this discipline, Goggia (12) is close to Maria Walliser (14) in sixth and Marie-Theres Nadig (13) in seventh place.
- In all disciplines, Goggia (17) is ranked second on the list for most World Cup wins among Italian women, behind Brignone (19).
- Goggia (4) can become the first woman to claim more than four World Cup downhill wins in a single season since Vonn (5 in 2015/16).

Corinne Suter

- Corinne Suter won the last two downhill events she participated in, at the World Cup in Garmisch-Partenkirchen and at the Olympic Winter Games in Beijing.
- If Suter is leading the downhill standings by at least 100 points after the races in Crans-Montana, she will win her second downhill crystal globe, after 2019/20.
- Suter can become the fourth woman to hold the Olympic title (2022), world title (2021) and crystal globe in the downhill at the same time, after Olga Pall (1968), Michela Figini (1984-1985) and Lindsey Vonn (2009-2010).
NOTE: Pall's win at the 1968 Winter Games also counted as a world title.
- Suter finished on three World Cup downhill podiums in Crans-Montana: third in 2019 and second in both races in 2020. She can become the third Swiss woman to win a World Cup downhill event at this venue, after Marie-Theres Nadig (1981) and Lara Gut-Behrami (twice in 2020).

Other contenders

- The last 15 women's World Cup downhill events were either won by **Italian** or **Swiss** skiers: eight by Sofia Goggia, five by Lara Gut-Behrami and two by Corinne Suter. The most recent non-Italian/Swiss woman to win a World Cup downhill was Germany's Viktoria Rebensburg in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 8 February 2020.
- **Lara Gut-Behrami** is level with Sofia Goggia and Isolde Kostner (all 12) in eighth place on the women's list for most World Cup downhill wins. Maria Walliser (14) is sixth and Marie-Theres Nadig (13) seventh.
- Gut-Behrami claimed three World Cup victories in Crans-Montana, in both downhill events in 2020 and in the super-G event in 2021. The only alpine skier to have claimed more World Cup wins in Crans-Montana is Federica Brignone (4, all in Alpine combined).
- Gut-Behrami (34) is two shy of equalling Katja Seizinger (36) in eighth place on the all-time women's list for most World Cup victories in all disciplines.
- **Nadia Delago** won the bronze medal in the women's downhill at the Olympic Winter Games in Beijing. The Italian has yet to reach a World Cup downhill podium, with her best result a fourth place in Zauchensee on 15 January 2022. Sister **Nicol Delago** achieved two World Cup downhill podiums, second places in Val Gardena (2018) and Zauchensee (2020).
- The most recent Italian woman other than Goggia to win a World Cup downhill event was **Elena Curtoni** in Bansko on 25 January 2020.
- **Ramona Siebenhofer** is ranked third in the women's downhill standings. Austria won the women's downhill crystal globe a record 19 times, but only once in the last 14 seasons: Nicole Schmidhofer in 2018/19.
- Siebenhofer has claimed two career World Cup downhill victories, both in Cortina d'Ampezzo in January 2019.
- **Kira Weidle** took fourth in the Olympic downhill race in Beijing, finishing 14 hundredths of a second behind bronze medallist Nadia Delago. The German claimed four World Cup downhill podiums, but has yet to win one.
- The last German woman to win a World Cup event in any discipline is Viktoria Rebensburg, who won the downhill in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 8 February 2020.

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