

## PREVIEW Ladies' DOWNHILL – Friday 30 Nov-Saturday 1 Dec 2018

### First downhill race marked by absentees

- Last season, Sofia Goggia won the downhill crystal globe by collecting just three points more than Lindsey Vonn (509 v 506). Both women will miss the speed events in Lake Louise due to injuries.
- Goggia also won the Olympic title in the ladies' downhill in PyeongChang last season.
- Vonn won the last four downhill races on the World Cup tour, directly following successive wins by Goggia. The last woman other than Vonn and Goggia to win a World Cup downhill race was Mikaela Shiffrin in the second race in Lake Louise last year.
- Vonn has won 18 World Cup events in Lake Louise, including her very first race win, in the downhill on 3 December 2004. This is a record for most World Cup wins in one ski resort. Vonn herself follows with 14 victories in Cortina d'Ampezzo.

### Shiffrin, Hütter, Weirather set for more podiums

- A year ago in Lake Louise, Cornelia Hütter (1 December) and Mikaela Shiffrin (2 December) both won their first and to-date only World Cup downhill races.
- Shiffrin (3), Tina Weirather (3) and Hütter (2) were the only women other than Lindsey Vonn (5) and Sofia Goggia (5) to claim multiple World Cup downhill podiums last season.
- Weirather has claimed 14 World Cup downhill podiums, with a personal record of five in Lake Louise. Her only downhill race win on the World Cup came in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in 2015.
- No woman has finished on more than five podiums in the downhill in Lake Louise without winning it (also five by Michaela Dorfmeister).

### Štuhec and Gut-Behrami eyeing more downhill wins

- Ilka Štuhec won both World Cup downhill races in Lake Louise in 2016. Five women have won the Lake Louise downhill at least three times: Lindsey Vonn (14), Maria Höfl-Riesch (5), Isolde Kostner (4), Carole Montillet-Carles (3) and Katja Seizinger (3).
- In seven of the previous nine World Cup seasons (2009/10-2017/2018), both downhill races in Lake Louise were won by the same woman. The only exceptions are 2014/15 (Tina Maze, Vonn) and 2017/18 (Hütter, Shiffrin).
- Štuhec won the downhill crystal globe and world title in 2017 but missed the entire 2017/18 campaign due to injury.
- Štuhec has won four World Cup downhill races, joint-most for a woman representing Slovenia alongside Tina Maze.
- Lara Gut-Behrami has won 24 World Cup races in her career. She could become the fifth female Swiss skier to win at least 25 races, after Vreni



Schneider (55), Erika Hess (31), Michaela Figini (26) and Maria Walliser (25).

- Seven of Gut-Behrami's World Cup victories have come in downhill. She claimed her last World Cup downhill victory in Cortina d'Ampezzo in 2017.

### **Search for first downhill victory**

- **Ragnhild Mowinckel** won Olympic silver in the women's downhill in PyeongChang. Her best World Cup result in this event is a sixth place in Cortina d'Ampezzo (twice) and Garmisch-Partenkirchen.
- The last Norwegian woman to finish on a World Cup downhill podium was Ingeborg Helen Marken who finished second in Sierra Nevada on 10 March 1999.
- **Viktoria Rebensburg** has claimed five World Cup podiums in downhill, her last coming in Lake Louise last year on 2 December. Five women have collected more World Cup downhill podiums without a single win: Annie Famose (9), Carole Merle (9), Anna Veith (8), Veronika Stallmaier-Wallinger (7) and Florence Steurer (6).
- The last German woman to win a downhill race on the World Cup was Maria Höfl-Riesch in Cortina d'Ampezzo on 24 January 2014.
- **Michelle Gisin** finished in third place last year in the first downhill race in Lake Louise. It was her fourth World Cup podium in total and her first in downhill. She has yet to win her first individual World Cup race.

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