

## PREVIEW LADIES' DOWNHILLS Cortina d'Ampezzo – Friday 18 Jan 2019 & Saturday 19 Jan 2019

### Vonn starts record-chasing campaign

- Lindsey Vonn has won a women's record 82 World Cup races, four short of the overall record by Ingemar Stenmark (86).
- Last season, Vonn won five World Cup races: one in super-G and four in downhill. This season, five wins would be enough to break Stenmark's record for most victories.
- Vonn has won 43 downhill races on the World Cup, a record among men and women. Only Stenmark (46 in giant slalom) has won more World Cup races in a single event.
- Vonn could become the second skier, male or female, to win a World Cup race in 14 different seasons, after Renate Götschl (14).
- Vonn can become the first skier, male or female, to claim a World Cup victory in 16 different calendar years. She now shares the record of 15 with Stenmark.
- Vonn will be 34 years and 92 days old on the day of the first downhill race in Cortina d'Ampezzo. She can break the record for oldest woman to win a World Cup race, held by Elisabeth Görgl who won the super-G in Val d'Isère in 2014 at the age of 33 years and 304 days.
- Vonn can become the second-oldest woman to finish on the podium of a World Cup downhill race, after Daniela Merighetti finished third in La Thuile in 2016 at 34 years and 230 days.
- Vonn has won a record 12 World Cup races in Cortina d'Ampezzo, at least two more than any other skier (10 by Renate Götschl). The only skier to have won more World Cup races at a single ski resort is Vonn herself: 18 in Lake Louise.
- Six of Vonn's World Cup victories in Cortina d'Ampezzo came in downhill. The only other skiers to have won at least six downhill races at one ski resort are Annemarie Moser-Pröll (7 in Pfronten) and Vonn herself (14 in Lake Louise).
- Vonn has collected 20 World Cup podiums in Cortina d'Ampezzo, second-most all-time behind Götschl (22). The only skier to have finished on at least 20 World Cup podiums at any other ski resort is Vonn herself in Lake Louise (25).

### Štuhec eyeing successive downhill wins

- Ilka Štuhec won the last downhill race on the World Cup, in Val Gardena. She also won the super-G a day later.
- Štuhec could win successive World Cup downhill events for the second time after December 2016 when she won three in a row in Lake Louise (2) and in Val d'Isère.
- Štuhec has won five downhill events on the World Cup, a record among skiers representing Slovenia (4 by Tina Maze)

- In all events, Štuhec has claimed nine World Cup victories, only trailing Maze (29) among skiers representing Slovenia.
- The only active female skiers to have won more World Cup downhill races than Štuhec (5) are Lindsey Vonn (43) and Lara Gut-Behrami (7).

### **Shiffrin set to equal Maier on the all-time list**

- Mikaela Shiffrin (53) is one World Cup victory shy of equalling Hermann Maier (54) in sixth place all-time among men and women. She needs two victories in order to equal Vreni Schneider (55) in fifth place.
- Shiffrin has only won more World Cup events in 2017/18 (12) and 2016/17 (11) than in current season (10).
- Five other women have claimed at least 11 race victories in one World Cup season: Schneider (14 in 1988/89), Lindsey Vonn (12 in 2011/12, 11 in 2009/10), Tina Maze (11 in 2012/13), Anja Pärson (11 in 2003/04) and Annemarie Moser-Pröll (11 in 1972/73).
- Shiffrin has won one downhill event on the World Cup, last season in Lake Louise. She could become the fifth woman to win multiple World Cup races in all four major events (slalom, giant slalom, super-G, downhill), after Pärson, Vonn, Pernilla Wiberg and Petra Kronberger.

### **Other contenders**

- **Nicole Schmidhofer** won the opening two downhill races of this World Cup season, both in Lake Louise.
- In the previous 11 World Cup seasons, only Lindsey Vonn (8 occasions), Maria Höfl-Riesch (2 occasions) and Ilka Štuhec (2016/17) won at least three downhill races in one season.
- The last Austrian woman to win three World Cup downhill races in one season was Renate Götschl in 2006/07.
- **Michelle Gisin** finished on the podium in the first two downhill races of the season, in Lake Louise. She finished second in the first race and third in the second race.
- Gisin has now claimed three World Cup podiums in downhill, all in Lake Louise. She has yet to win a World Cup race, in any event.
- The last Swiss woman to win a downhill race on the World Cup was Lara Gut-Behrami in Cortina d'Ampezzo on 28 January 2017.
- **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).
- Gut-Behrami's last World Cup victory came in Cortina d'Ampezzo on 21 January 2018, when she won the super-G.
- **Viktoria Rebensburg** has claimed five World Cup podiums in downhill. Five women have collected more World Cup downhill podiums without a single win: Annie Famose (9), Carole Merle (9), Anna Veith (8), Veronika Stallaier-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.
- Rebensburg's first career World Cup podium came in Cortina d'Ampezzo, a second place in the giant slalom on 24 January 2010.

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