

PREVIEW LADIES' SUPER G – SATURDAY 14 DEC 2013

Gut can be 6th woman to win three WC Super G races in a row

> World Cup leader Lara Gut (SUI) has won the first two Super G races of the 2013/14 season. She can become the first woman to win three World Cup Super G races in a row since Lindsey Vonn (USA) in 2011.

> Vonn has three streaks of at least three World Cup Super G wins in a row. The last woman other than Vonn to do it was Régine Cavagnoud (FRA) in 2000-01.

> In all, Gut can become the sixth woman, and first from Switzerland, to win three or more World Cup Super G races in succession. The five to have done it are Vonn (three times), Cavagnoud, Katja Seizinger (GER, twice), Carole Merle (FRA, twice) and Marina Kiehl (FRG).

> Gut can become the third woman, and first in 16 years, to win the first three Super G races of a World Cup season. The only other women to have achieved this feat are Merle in 1988/89 and Seizinger in 1997/98.

> Gut can equal the Swiss ladies' record of three World Cup Super G wins in a single season. The current record is held by Maria Walliser, who won three Super Gs in 1986/87.

> Gut has already won four World Cup races this season in all disciplines. With one more win, she would equal the Swiss ladies' record for most wins in a World Cup season before New Year's. The current Swiss record of five is held by Marie-Theres Nadig (1979/80 and 1980/81) and Vreni Schneider (1988/89).

> Apart from her four wins, Gut has no other podiums this season. In the three races she participated in and did not win, she registered results of 10th, 13th and DNF.

> With another podium this weekend, Gut would set a new career high for most World Cup podiums in one season. Her personal best before this season was four in 2010/11.

> Gut won the St. Moritz Super G in 2008 – her first World Cup victory – and has two career podiums at the Swiss resort. This weekend, St. Moritz could become her first venue with three or more World Cup podiums.

Maze can be the first woman to win 5 WC races in St. Moritz

> Tina Maze (SLO) has won four World Cup races in St. Moritz, equal with Lindsey Vonn (USA) and Anja Pärson (SWE) for the most by a female alpine skier. Vonn will not compete in St. Moritz this weekend.

> Maze can therefore become the first woman to win five World Cup races in St. Moritz.

- > Maze's four wins in St. Moritz entering this weekend came in giant slalom (two), downhill and super combined.
- > If Maze wins Saturday's Super G, she will become the first woman in World Cup history to win races in four different disciplines at one venue.
- > In the first eight races of this season, Maze has one podium and no victories. After eight races last season, she had four podiums, including three victories.
- > In the last two seasons, Vonn and Maze have combined to win five of the six races in St. Moritz (three for Vonn, two for Maze). Maria Höfl-Riesch (GER) won the other, a super combined in January 2012.

Mid-20s skiers deprived of recent victories

- > The last 39 ladies' World Cup races in all disciplines have been won by skiers aged either 23 or younger (18 victories), or 28 or older (21 victories).
- > The last time a woman aged from 24-27 won a World Cup race was in November 2012 when Kathrin Zettel (AUT) won the Aspen slalom at age 26.

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