

## ITALIET FLIES TO BORMIO ON THE WINGS OF PARIS AND FILL

BORMIO (SONDRIO), DECEMBER, 11 2013 - It's a happy welcome back to Europe for the alpine skiing World Cup! Over there, in North America, it was far too cold. It was -30 in Lake Louise, Canada and the weather in Beaver Creek, Colorado, was pretty cold too. Temperatures are milder in the old continent, although on the other side of the world the Italjet team with their coach Claudio Ravetto performed excellently and now leave space to good predictions for the two upcoming races, one in Val Gardena before Christmas and the much waited for on the Stelvio in Bormio on the last Sunday of 2013. We are doing very good if it is true (and it's true) that in the last calendar year, the Azzurri jumped seven times on the podium in nine downhill races and six super-G out of seven. Even better than the wonderful Austrian speed team that is still waiting for a high speed race to win in this fantastic World Cup season. Fantastic also because the shining star Bode Miller is back, he's the absolute protagonist now after the incredible second place in the giant slalom on Sunday, behind the unbeatable Ted Ligety.

The Italian guys are back from America full of optimism. Let's toast to the superb victory of Dominik Paris in Lake Louise and then, full of happiness, to Peter Fill's double third place (downhill and super-G) in Beaver Creek. A success for a guy of 31 who was already a prodigy at 18, and who has now come back smooth and fast just like his name: Peter Fill. And just like those good times when everyone in South Tyrol thought of him as Alberto Tomba's natural heir.

They're all back from America knowing that on the Italian slopes they will be competitive; there's Dominique Paris, also fourth place in Canada (super-G), and unlucky protagonist of the downhill race in Colorado where a pebble, together with a back pain, prevented him from achieving a great result; but there is also Werner Hell, twice eighth place and always in less than a second from the winners. And let's keep an eye on Hannes Reichelt, the Austrian who seems very into sharing victories with the Azzurri, just like last year's race in Bormio with Dominik Paris, but also on Saturday in Beaver Creek when he finished his Super G race the exact same time as Peter Fill, both third place.

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