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SANTA CATERINA IS READY TO HOST THE TWO WORLD CUP SLALOM RACES

2016, JANUARY 03 - Santa Caterina (So) is ready to host the two World Cup slalom races originally scheduled in Zagreb (Cro) and cancelled by FIS because of lack of snow. Tuesday, January 5 will be the Ladies' turn with two manches set at 10am and 1pm while Wednesday, January 6 will be Men's time - at the same hours.

The theatre of the challenges will be the final part of the Deborah Compagnoni slope, the stage of one of the most beautiful and exciting DH races of the last seasons Cup - on December, 29.

The theatre of the race will be the final part, the one looking up to the mountain, from the right side upstream the Fank area until the finish line, in order to have the best possible conditions in both races.

The track had already been perfectly set for the DH race, it was only a matter of making harder snow. The start is at 1930 m. asl and the finish line will be at 1730 m. asl. 200 m. in altitude on a 750 m. track with at least 5 changes of pace.

The Ladies' slalom won't feature Michaela Schiffrin who's recovering from the knee injury of early December during the giant slalom training in Are. This is a possibility for the Swedish Frida Handotter to go further, but it won't be easy against the emerging lady Petra Vlhova from Slovakia. Italy's hopes are for Irene Curtoni and Manuela Moelgg in particular.

On January 6 the fight will be hard for the men. The previous two world cup races of this season (in Val d'sere and Madonna di Campiglio) were dominated by Norway racer Henrik Kristoffersen. Marcel Hirscher follow him, but the Austrian has a chance to go on top of the overall standing because after the DH race of December 29, only 15 points separate him from Aksel Svindal. Both races will be broadcast live on Raisport 1 and Eurosport.

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