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THE BEAUTIFUL LOESETH IS THE WINNER IN SANTA CATERINA

2016, JANUARY 05 - The 26 year old Norwegian racer Nina Loeseth got her first World Cup victory in Santa Caterina, in front of Alberto Tomba - who awarded her. She already got three podiums, including two of this season (she was second in the Courchevel giant slalom and third in the Are slalom). She is ahead the Czech Sarka Strachova - Zarobska, before she married - and the Slovak Veronika Velez Zuzulova (+ 1"37). This is the 9th Norwegian victory this season.

Nina Loeseth was the fastest in both runs - just like great athletes can. It was not easy on two tracks that were difficult to understand, quite slow and in which the athletes were continually forced to change their skiing attitude because of slope changes. The Norwegian, with her bib number 1, gave a strong and continuous interpretation of the race. The ranking leader, the Swedish Frida Hansdotter is 5th (+2"12) after the 9th position of the first run. The Slovak Vhlova was out on the first run.

Sad day for the Italians. Manuela Moelgg is the only one who reached the second run, she was 26th in the first run, but with a great gap (+2"52) behind the Norwegian. She tried to attack in the second run, but in the middle she basically stopped and got a 24th position. Chiara Costazza, Irene Curtoni (she got a flu last night) and the young Federica Sosio didn't reach the finish area in the first run while Federica Brignone and Roberta Midali did not qualify.

Tomorrow it's Men's slalom time (always at 10 am and 1pm) with a great duel between the Norwegian Henrik Kristoffersen and the Austrian Marcel Hirscher. Italy relies on Giuliano Razzoli and Stefano Gross. On course we'll find also Andrea Ballerin, Manfred Moelgg, Roberto Nani, Patrick Thaler, Riccardo Tonetti and Tommaso Sala from Lecco, a newbie in the World Cup. The men's slalom in Santa Caterina will broadcast live on RaiSport 1 and Eurosport.

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