

One month left to the Val di Fassa World Cup
Three women speed events on the slope La VolatA

Just one month separates the Val di Fassa from the Alpine Skiing World Cup, after having been chased it for more than 30 year. On Friday, February 26th, the slope La VolatA on Passo San Pellegrino will host the first of three women speed events, entrusted by FIS to the Ski Team Fassa. Three races that will be preceded by two days of training. The programme will start with the Super-G that should have taken place in St. Moritz, followed by a Downhill on Saturday 27th and by another Super-G on Sunday 28th, both scheduled in Yanqing.

This is a very important occasion for Val di Fassa to show its organizational skills and therefore the committee that will face this challenge has been made up in a record time, to perform well in order to gain a steady place in the next World Cup calendars.

The executive team, headed by Andrea Weiss, is made by the vice-president Davide Moser, also representative of the Municipality of Moena, by Leonardo Bernard for the Ski Team Fassa, Tiziano Mellarini for the FISI and Renzo Minella for the Ski Area San Pellegrino. Cristoforo Debertol has been chosen for the key role of event manager, while Rainer Senoner and Cesare Pastore are the race directors.

Now the slope La VolatA is being accurately prepared according to the FIS rules, after the technical inspection made by the FIS responsible Peter Gerdol, also in order to write the health protocols. From next week already, the slope will be open for the first training sessions of the Italian National teams, to refine the preparation for the upcoming World Ski Championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo.

To accompany this 30-day countdown, the Organizing Committee has made a suggestive video clip - which can be watched on the Val di Fassa official Facebook page -, which narrates the history of skiing in the Ladin valley and in which one of the event testimonials, the Kitzbühel champion from Moena Cristian Deville, presents La VolatA.

Deville isn't the only champion representing the Val di Fassa: just think to pioneers such as Rinaldo Cigolla, Giuliano Talmon, Angelo Pitscheider, Guido Margoni, Daniele Chiocchetti, Tone Valeruz, the brothers Anastasia and Igor Cigolla, Diego Amplatz, Stefano Costazza, Angelo Weiss, Chiara Costazza and to the current athletes Stefano Gross, Federico Liberatore and Monica Zanoner, beside the several young athletes that have worn the Italian national suit.

So, Val di Fassa is ready to enter the world of the top-class skiing: an opportunity to show its connection with the alpine skiing, first as a resort that is part of the biggest ski carousel in Europe, the Dolomiti Superski, and then also as a

destination whose sport story starts back in 1988, when the champion Alberto Tomba began to train here with his coach Flavio Roda (now FISI president). A story that was reinforced in 2001 with the first of 28 European Cup races and then in 2006 with the beginning of the Piste Azzurre project, which entitled the valley as the training center of the Italian National team, passing through the extraordinary experience of the 2019 World Junior Alpine Skiing Championships, whose closing ceremony also took place on February 27th. More than 80 international FIS races have been hosted here till nowadays.

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The Two ski resorts "Val di Fassa – Carezza" and "Alpe Lusia – San Pellegrino", 210 kilometres of slopes, about eighty chairlifts, cable cars and cabin lifts, 4 ski tours such as the famous Sellaronda and the spectacular ski tour Panorama, six snow parks for the ski and snowboard addicted.

Up to now, unfortunately, the stop of the ski season hasn't given the possibility to enjoy the new works of the lifts companies, such as the new lifts in the ski area Belvedere in Canazei, where the new 6-seat chairlift Kristiania awaits the skiers, and in the ski area Carezza, where there's a brand new 10-seat automatic coupling cabin lift and a longer version of the 6-seat automatic coupling "Tschein" chairlift.

In the ski area Buffaure in Sèn Jan/Pozza di Fassa, the red slope Buffaure di Sotto has been modified and has been turned into a blue slope, to become a perfect field school, equipped with a carpet too. The snowing system then has been enhanced by "Ski Stadium Aloch" in Pozza, also training federal centre part of the "Piste Azzurre" project in collaboration with FISI.