

Brignone and Bassino in Val di Fassa from February 3rd
Even Tessa Worley skis on the World Cup slopes

Val di Fassa is abuzz in these weeks that lead to its debut in the World Cup, with the three speed events that are scheduled few days after the end of the much awaited World Championships in Cortina.

The temple of these 5 days of racing will be the slope La VolatA, which had already hosted the speed events of the 2019 Junior World Ski Championships and which will now host an event that has been chased for more than 30 years.

The track in the ski area San Pellegrino is being accurately prepared by the professionals of the lift company and of the Ski Team Fassa, after the indications of the race directors Cesare Pastore and Rainer Senoner, and it is ready for the first official tests and to be tried by the queens of the Italian ski team, Federica Brignone and Marta Bassino, who will be here from Wednesday, February 3rd to Saturday, February 6th. Late update, they will be joined by their colleagues of the National Team Elena Curtoni, Francesca Marsaglia, Nadia Delago, Verena Gasslitter, Roberta Melesi and Laura Pirovano. Guided by the coaches of the Italian Ski Federation, they will train on the slope La VolatA and on the slope Le Coste, open to the ski clubs since December already.

In the latest days then, even the two times Giant Slalom World champion, the French skier Tessa Worley has decided to gain confidence with the "Piste Azzurre" tracks in Val di Fassa, after winning the giant slalom in Kronplatz, where she has beaten the Swiss Lara Gut Behrami and the Italian Marta Bassino, under the guide of the Italian coach Alberto Senigalliesi, giant skier at the time of Blardone and Simoncelli. «I wanted to refine my training in complete peace – the French champion says – and we have therefore chosen the slopes in the ski area San Pellegrino that are perfectly prepared, in a fantastic landscape, with the Italian hospitality that is always an added value."

In addition to the Italian and French athletes, 9 other national teams will train at San Pellegrino and on the slope Aloch in the same days, choosing the Val di Fassa as training location in view of the Cortina World Championship, aiming at expanding the training centre project with an eye on the Milano-Cortina 2026 Olympics.

Also Asia Zenere, Ilaria Ghisalberti and Sophie Mathiou, who compete in the European Cup, are training here in these days.

For what concerns the speed events, FIS has officialised the new World Cup calendar, changed due to the bad weather conditions in Garmisch Partenkirchen. So, the Downhill race scheduled in Germany will take place here in Val di Fassa, together with the Downhill and the Super G that were scheduled in China. The programme in Fassa sees therefore two official training sessions on Wednesday, 24th and on Thursday, 25th February, followed by two Downhills on 26th and on

27th and by the Super G on 28th February.