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Press Release

## A BAG OF TRICKS FOR WORLD CUP FINALS

The world's best freestylers gather for the FIS Freeski & Snowboard World Cup from March 21 to 24, 2024 – Media accreditation now open

Silvaplana near St. Moritz, SUI (02.02.2024) – The contest season is in full swing as snowboard and freeski professionals traverse the globe. They all share a common anticipation for the final event of the season at Corvatsch Park in Engadin. In the 11tth edition of the FIS Freeski & Snowboard World Cup Corvatsch Silvaplana from March 21 to 24, 2024, much is at stake: 4 titles, 120.000 CHF in prize money, and the awarding of the large and small FIS crystal globes for the best snowboarders and freeskiers of the winter 2023/2024. A perfect slopestyle course, spring-like temperatures, and a relaxed atmosphere at the end of the season contribute to the fact riders eagerly come to Silvaplana year after year. The registration lists, filled with big names, are confirming this. The 2024 World Cup serves as rehearsal for the FIS Snowboard, Freestyle and Freeski World Championships in St. Moritz 2025, where medal decisions will take place in Corvatsch Park.

Watching the **World Cup Corvatsch** is free of charge, a lift ticket to reach Murtèl middle station is needed. The highlights are the snowboard finals on Saturday, March 23, and freeski finals on Sunday, March 24, 2024. **Media accreditation** for journalists from around the world is available **online** on the event website.

WHO WILL TRIUMPH AT CORVATSCH? – On skis, Swiss Olympic champion and reigning world champion Mathilde Gremaud is considered the overwhelming favorite, having already secured four World Cup victories this season. Competition comes from Silvaplana winner Tess Ledeux (FRA), from the Swiss team with Sarah Höfflin and Giulia Tanno, as well from superstar Eileen Gu (CHN/USA), who is back in the forefront after a two-year hiatus. In the women's snowboarding category, British rider Mia Brookes returns to Engadin with a X-Games gold medal. Contenders for the Corvatsch title also include defending champion Julia Marino (USA), strong Japanese riders led by Kokomo Murase, Annika Morgan (GER), and Corvatsch Champ 2022 Anna Gasser (AUT).

In men's freeski, all eyes are on Andri Ragettli (Graubünden/SUI). The 2021 world champion faces off the sensation Birk Ruud (NOR), the current world champion. In the last two contests, the Norwegian stood at the top of the podium at the Laax Open and the X-Games. Also in the mix will be Mac Forehand (USA), overall World Cup leader, Olympic champion Alex Hall (USA), and Corvatsch title defender Jesper Tjäder (SWE). Among the snowboarders, it will be revealed whether junior world champion Taiga Hasegawa (JPN) can repeat his spectacular victory from the previous year. All the riders are eager for the title, such as Canadian Liam Brearley, who stood on the Corvatsch podium in 2023 and, like freeski colleague Ruud, started the new year successfully with wins at the Laax World Cup and X-Games. The snowboarders, however, bring their own fan club, in particular Corvatsch ambassador Nicolas Huber (SUI).

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