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Naeslund, Regez and Mobaerg race ahead in the qualifying rounds

San Candido, 18 December 2021 - The Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup 3 Zinnen Dolomites started on Saturday in San Candido with the qualifying runs for the races on Sunday, 19 and Monday, 20 December. For the women, Swiss athlete Sandra Naeslund easily won the qualifying runs, while for the men, Swiss skier Ryan Regez and Erik Moaberg from Sweden came fastest in the selective courses on Baranci.

When it comes to the day's victory at the Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup 3 Zinnen Dolomites on Baranci on Sunday and Monday, there will be no way past Sandra Naeslund. With two almost identical runs, the athlete from Sweden twice set the best time, of 1,15.10 and 1,15.76 minutes respectively. "Today was real fun. I really like the course here in San Candido", Naeslund, who recorded two victories in San Candido (2017, 2018) commented. In the first qualifying round Brittany Phellan (+1.01) from Canada and Daniela Maier (+1.16) from Germany finished in second and third place.

In the second qualifying round, Naeslund relegated Fanny Smith (+0.88) from Switzerland, who had previously celebrated four victories in San Candido, to second place. Lucrezia Fantelli came in in third place, 1.19 second slower than Naeslund. The Italian will therefore be at the start in both World Cup races, as she finished the first qualifying round in seventh place. "To be honest, I'm a little surprised about my good result. I made a few mistakes and I thought I would finish further down", said the skicrosser who was born in Verona but now lives in Trentino. Jole Galli from Livigno is the second runner of the Italian national team to take part in both races. She finished in 15th and 7th place.

Regez and Mobaerg are the shining stars among the men

Ryan Regez left his mark on the first qualifying run of the men. He completed the demanding course in San Candido in 1,12.25 minutes. Thanks to this, Switzerland could reach for the ninth triumph for one of their athletes in San Candido. He was closely followed by Austrian Tristan Takats and Terence Tchiknavorian from France, who were both 0.30 seconds behind Regez.



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Fastest in the second qualifying race was Erik Mobaerg from Sweden. He was, however, only 0.03 seconds faster than Francois Place from France and 0.14 seconds faster than Bastien Midol, also from the French team.

Two Italians also got their tickets to the finals on Sunday and Monday: Simone Deromedis (Predaia) und Dominik Zuech (Lana). “Baranci is my top favourite piste of the whole World Cup. It may be a little dark, but skiing on it is just fantastic”, the South Tyrolean local athlete said. Yanick Gunsch (Mals), Federico Tomasoni (Castione della Presolana, Bergamo) and Edoardo Zorzi (Songavazzo, Bergamo) failed to qualify.

The race starts on Sunday at noon

The first day of the finals starts on Sunday at 12 noon with the men's round of 16, in which 32 skicrossers are allowed to take part. Less than half an hour later, the 16 best women also join the competition (12:24). On Monday, however, the starting signal in the 3 Zinnen Dolomites region will sound as early as 11:30.

Media interest in the World Cup on Baranci is intense. A total of 17 television stations will be broadcasting the races live, among them Rai Sport. In addition, dozens of TV stations will report on the South Tyrolean stage at other times. Spectators are also permitted on site at the Audi FIS Skicross World Cup 3 Zinnen Dolomites in San Candido. The organisers are allowed to fill to 75 percent capacity. However, fans must carry the Super Green Pass, i.e. they must be vaccinated against Covid-19 or have recovered from it. In the spectator areas, face masks must be worn and the consumption of drinks and food is prohibited.

Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup 3 Zinnen Dolomites in San Candido

Sunday, 19.12.2021

12:00 – 13:20: Finals Race 1

Awards ceremony after the race

Monday, 20.12.2021

11:30 - 12:50: Finals Race 2

Awards ceremony after the race



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