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Huge smiles from Bastien Midol and Sandra Naeslund shine on the podium at the 3 Zinnen Dolomites Ski Cross World Cup

San Candido, 20 December 2021 - The ski cross classic in San Candido came to an end on Monday afternoon with the second results that were once again achieved in perfect conditions. The men's final was won by Bastien Midol from France, who prevented a second victory by Ryan Regez from Switzerland with a spirited overtaking manoeuvre on the finishing slope. In the women's race, however, there was no way past Sweden's Sandra Naeslund, who once again won all three runs. The best Italian was Simone Deromedis from Trentino who finished in eighth's place.

The second day of the finals also took place in bright sunshine in the 3 Zinnen Dolomites region. And it almost ended with the same winners as on Sunday. Frenchman Bastien Midol stayed in the slipstream of Ryan Regez for a long time in the final, raced skilfully past the Swiss skier on the finishing slope, preventing his rival from winning his fifth World Cup race. For the 31-year-old from the biathlon stronghold of Le Grand Bornand it was the fifth World Cup success and the first in San Candido after finishing second four times in the 3 Zinnen Dolomites region. Midol thus got his own back for Sunday, when he had to give way to Regez.

"Today was an outstanding day for me - as it always is when I am here in San Candido. I love this piste and this place! I'm always delighted to return here. Now it's time to go home and after the Christmas break we will continue the World Cup in Canada", the new overall World Cup leader said.

Deromedis satisfied with eighth place

On the second day of the final in San Candido, Tobias Baur and Romain Detraz took third and fourth place respectively. The small final was won by Canadian Kevin Drury, who had already finished fifth on Sunday. Eighth place went to Simone Deromedis (Taio), who was satisfied: "Today it went much better than yesterday. I had two very good runs up to the semi-final. Then I made a mistake right after the start and that destroyed my concentration. And once the focus is gone, things become difficult. But an eighth place is a good result."



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For Dominik Zuech from Lana, on the other hand, the competition had already ended with the round of 16. "I know that I'm fast. Unfortunately, the last two days luck was not on my side. Today, during an overtaking manoeuvre, a jump went too far and afterwards I was pushed aside. In situations like that, I simply lack a bit of experience. But step by step I'm getting closer to the group of the world's best," Zuech said.

Naeslund dominates the scene

In the women's race Sandra Naeslund celebrated the fifth victory in the sixth race of the season and easily repeated her triumph on Baranci on Sunday. In the quarter-finals and semi-finals, as well as in the final race, no opponent could even come close to the 25-year-old from Sweden. For the two-times World Champion it was the 21st individual World Cup victory of her career (in the 86th race) and the fourth in the 3 Zinnen Dolomites region. "I like the route. The conditions are simply perfect. I think my good starts were decisive here. It was very challenging but I'm very happy about how it all went", Naeslund said at the finish.

Just like on Sunday, second place went to Fanny Smith from Switzerland. The 29-year-old from Switzerland competed in her 120th World Cup race in San Candido and stood on the podium for the 61st time. The third podium place at the South Tyrolean Skicross classic went to Olympic champion Marielle Thompson. The 29-year-old from Whistler in Canada was delighted with her 49th podium in the 104th World Cup race on the selective course on Baranci. Fourth place went to Thompson's compatriot Hannah Schmidt. The "small final" was won by a jubilant Courtney Hoffos from Canada, rejoiced.

Galli again best runner of the Italian team

There were also World Cup points for the two Italians Jole Galli (9th/Livigno) and Lucrezia Fantelli (13th/Dimaro Folgarida), who lost out in the quarter finals. "Today I had a very difficult heat with Fanny Smith and Marielle Thompson in the quarter finals. But I'm learning more with every race. And I hope that I can put what I have learned into practice in the next competitions," Galli said. Fantelli, on the other hand, was highly critical of her performance. "I am not at all satisfied with my performance here in San Candido. There is still a lot to do, especially I have to work on my attitude."

The organisers from WSV Innichen, on the other hand, were satisfied after a total of four days of world-class ski cross. "We can look back on a very successful World Cup. The piste





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conditions on Baranci in the 3 Zinnen Dolomites region were excellent, the weather was lovely and we were able to complete the individual runs without any major incidents or serious injuries. We had excellent publicity thanks to the live broadcast in 17 different countries and the countless TV reports - for our region, but also for the rest of South Tyrol. Our thanks go to the many volunteers and our sponsors, without whose support an event of this magnitude would not be possible," Gabriel Fauster's organising committee concluded.

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Results Men:

1. Bastien Midol FRA
2. Ryan Regez SUI
3. Tobias Baur SUI
4. Romain Detraz SUI
5. Kevin Drury CAN
6. Joos Berry SUI
7. Robert Winkler AUT
8. Simone Deromedis ITA

Results women:

1. Sandra Naeslund SWE
2. Fanny Smith SUI
3. Marielle Thompson CAN
4. Hannah Schmidt CAN
5. Courtney Hoffos CAN
6. Brittany Phelan CAN
7. Nikol Kucerova CZE
8. Jade Grillet Aubert FRA





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