

Beat Feuz wins World Cup downhill title from Dominik Paris

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Swiss racer Beat Feuz clinched his second straight World Cup downhill season title.

(CNN) — Consistency was king for speed merchant Beat Feuz as the Swiss racer successfully defended his World Cup downhill season title in a tense battle with Italian Dominik Paris.

The 32-year-old Feuz took an 80-point lead over Paris into the last downhill of the season at the World Cup finals in Soldeu, Andorra and finished sixth behind winner Paris to seal the Crystal Globe.

Feuz won just one of the eight downhill races on the calendar, but he picked up regular points with five podium places to pip Paris, who scored his third Kitzbuhel Hahnenkamm victory this season.

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Paris' win-or-bust style earned him four downhill wins but he only managed one other podium place to fall 20 points short of Feuz in the title race.

"It's unbelievable to have two globes now," Feuz, the 2017 downhill world champion, told Eurosport in the finish area in Soldeu. "I'm very proud to have this in my hands."

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Austrian women dominate downhill

In the women's division, Nicole Schmidhofer led an Austrian cleansweep with her first season title in any discipline from Stephanie Venier and Ramona Siebenhofer.

Schmidhofer, the 2017 super-G world champion, finished 11th in Andorra to keep her rivals at bay as compatriot Mirjam Puchner edged Germany's Viktoria Rebensburg by 0.3 seconds for victory in the final race.

The 29-year-old Schmidhofer is the first Austrian woman to win a Crystal Globe in any discipline since Eva-Maria Brem clinched the giant slalom crown in 2016.

The men's speed skiers will contest a super-G Thursday. Paris, the super-G world champion, is leading in the standings as he chases a first ever Crystal Globe.

Austrian slalom specialist Marcel Hirscher has already sealed an unprecedented eighth World Cup overall title and sixth slalom crown in seven years.

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title and also clinched a sixth slalom victory in seven years.

The American is leading the women's super-G standings and can wrap up a first super-G Crystal Globe Thursday.

Shiffrin has been in domineering form this term and set a new record of [15 wins in a season](#), moving ahead of Swiss great Vreni Schneider.

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