

# Shiffrin's comeback could be in jeopardy due to heavy snow

Women's downhill moved to today

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CRANS-MONTANA, Switzerland — Mikaela Shiffrin's comeback race could be in jeopardy. The Olympic and world champion was set to return from injury in Monday's World Cup slalom in Crans-Montana, Switzerland. It would have been her first race since tearing a ligament in her right knee in December.

However, heavy snow has already ruled out Saturday's downhill and — with the snow continuing to fall — there are fears it could impact on the slalom too, which was rescheduled for Crans-Montana after being canceled in Maribor.

"It will be very difficult, given that the snow is meant to continue falling," said the president of



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Clouds hang over the valley in Crans-Montana, Switzerland, on Saturday where heavy snow canceled a women's World Cup downhill.

the organizing committee, Marius Roby. "But we won't throw in the towel and we'll do everything to save the two races."

The downhill race has been rescheduled for Sunday, in place of the combined event which has been canceled and will not be

replaced this season.

The downhill was initially postponed for two hours on Saturday morning, but shortly afterward organizers realized there wasn't enough time to properly prepare the slopes.

"Between 80-90 centimeters of



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snow fell at the summit during the night," Roby said. "And because of the wind, it was even 1-meter 20 in some parts.

"More than 200 people worked

all night. We did the maximum, but it was mission impossible. With such a quantity of snow, we couldn't prepare a slope safe enough for the skiers."

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