

# Mancuso, Vonn friendship is also a rivalry



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WHISTLER, British Columbia – Rivals since they were 12, Lindsey Vonn and Julia Mancuso have long been the yin and yang of American ski racing. They are Olympic teammates now for the third time, and little has changed since they were preteens.

Lindsey Vonn has 18 World Cup wins in the last two seasons and has become the most decorated American female racer in World Cup history.

Vonn is trying to win multiple gold medals to validate her last two years of international domination. Mancuso, a surprise gold medalist at the 2006 Turin Games, has been nearly an afterthought after two consecutive years of subpar results.

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