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Crystal Globe is definitely in Janica Kostelic's hands!

Janica Kostelic became Croatia's first triple Olympic champion and first Winter Games champion ever, after winning three gold medals at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. In February 2002, she won Olympic gold in the combined race, her second gold in slalom and her third in the giant slalom. With her silver medal in the super-G, Janica became the first alpine skier ever to win four medals at a single Olympic Winter Games.

Janica began skiing at the age of 10 in Zagreb and she and her brother Ivica traveled to junior ski races around Europe. The family was so poor that they could only afford to sleep in the car or tents. But Janica has proved that she is a battler by coming back from two career-threatening injuries. She returned to the top of the World Cup circuit and she is in tremendous form. The country of Croatia as a whole has only two ski resorts that have been essentially snow less for the past 10 years. The determination of the Kostelic family to bring Croatia on the map of world class skiing and win big against all odds is what makes a true champion; modest, simple and down to earth! Janica Kostelic...true champ!

TV Channel CNN proclaimed Janica Queen of the 2002 Winter Olympics, and President of the Olympic Organizational Board Mitt Romney, in underlining the importance of the Olympic spirit, mentioned only two names – that of American athlete Jim Shea, and Janica Kostelic.

Janica become Croatia's hero, conquering our hearts with her warm story of hard work and family dedication leading to the success of winning four medals and breaking the Olympic records.

Way to go Janica!

Boris A. Miksic
Honorary Consul General
St. Paul, MN

The World Ski Cup 2001 Winner

The first woman who consecutively won eight times in slalom



Thanks to her amazing persistence (although originating from a country with just one properly arranged skiing center - Bjelolasica) and exercising without any organized support, Janica Kostelić has reached the Olympus of the skiing world. Although she was seriously injured in 2000, owing to the assistance of the most prominent Croatian therapeutic team, headed by Dr. Vlasta Brožićević from "Terme Selce", Janica has accomplished what seemed impossible.

JAMNICA WITH JANICA

The most popular Croatian natural mineral water "Jamnica" has sponsored Janica Kostelić since she was 15, when nobody besides her father Ante had faith in her becoming the world skier number one. In 1993, when the Agrokor Company took over "Jamnica", no-one believed either that this water would expand in 80% of the Croatian market. Today, "Jamnica" has the capacity of up to 200 mill. lit. per year, on its way to regain the world wide reputation. Don't forget, as early as in 1772, Queen Maria Theresa included Jamnica among the most healthy mineral waters existing in her Empire. According to some archeologists, the Ancient Celts were drinking Jamnica as well.

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