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or a lot of skiers the Olympic gold would be the finish line. But for Lindsey Vonn—who headed straight from Vancouver to Switzerland to win the World Cup in the downhill, and then to Germany to win in the Super G, beating out Bode Miller for most career World Cup wins, 33, by an American skier—it was like another day as one of the sport's most decorated athletes. Even before the Olympics, the 25-year-old racer was a rock star in Switzerland, and that's a little surprising if you think about how far the Alps are from the ski slope she started on: a low and lonely hill along Interstate 35 just outside Minneapolis, an unlikely place, topographically speaking, to grow up to be the fastest woman on skis. "Yeah, it's flatland," she says.

The day Vonn first dreamed of World Cups and Olympic golds? The day Vonn, then nine, landed an autographed poster of Picabo Street, at Pierce Skate & Ski in Bloomington, Minnesota. "I was just thinking, I want to be you!" she remembers. She moved to Vail, Colorado, to be more like Street, then to Salt Lake City, where she ended up briefly Street-side as a member of the U.S. Ski Team. Early on, she managed to mix her powerhouse physique with hill-warping speed—and proved she was tough. At the Turin Olympics, she was airlifted from the slopes with an injury one day, racing two days later. So even though she doubted it herself, Vonn's coach probably knew she would ski after she revealed a race-threatening shin injury days before the Vancouver games opened. Her coach, by the way, was a skier she met in the Olympic training facility when they were on the team together: Thomas Vonn. She was on the stationary bicycle; he was doing max jumps. "Who's that guy?" she recalls asking, nodding in the direction of her future husband.

Lately, the TV talk shows and the gold-medal show-offs have been fun, especially from a fashion perspective. "I am in my uniform all the time, so I definitely love having high heels on," she says. But after the World Cup victory, Vonn is back to the dull stuff. You don't stay in championship shape by showing up on Leno. This summer she will be training on dry land, sans cameras, medals, and fans, getting ready for next year. "For us," she says, "it's not just the Olympics. We race the World Cup circuit all season long."—ROBERT SULLIVAN



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Vonn is America's most-decorated skier. OMO Norma Kamali catsuit, Hair, Tim Rogers for TRESemmé/Contact NYC; makeup, Alice Lane for NARS Cosmetics. Shot at the Xchange studio, NYC. Details, see In This Issue.



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