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Zugspitz Ultratrail 2023: great sport & great emotions with record starting field

The Salomon Zugspitz Ultratrail powered by Ledlenser fully lived up to its reputation as Germany's largest trail running event: in the best external conditions, over 3202 runners started in 6 competitions. The fastest came from Germany, South Africa, Australia, Switzerland, Austria, Great Britain and Poland. The most successful athletes came from Volkswagen R, Adidas Terrex and Salomon.

Ultratrail: 3-fold triumph of the Germans, high tension among the women

The supreme discipline, the Ultratrail over 111 kilometers and 5180 meters of altitude difference was a triumph for the German starters: Marcel Geißler from "The North Face" Team already pulled away from the second aid station, did not show any real phase of weakness and finally won in 12:36:05 hours in front of Michael Zweigart from the Allgäu Outlet Raceteam and Dynafit athlete Andre Purschke. Geissler became a father just four weeks ago. "I took it relatively easy and looked to find my rhythm. The thought of my daughter at the finish line then gave me extra motivation." Things were much more exciting in the women's race: Lada Stalzerova from the Czech Republic, the defending champion and leading until the last aid station, had to admit defeat to co-favorite Marta Wenta at the end. The Pole ran out a lead of almost seven minutes in the last kilometers and finally won in 15:12:49 hours. Third place went to Anja Röttinger of LAC Freiburg in 15:32:29 hours.

Ehrwald Trail: Ruth Croft from New Zealand with the fastest time of the day

She was the clear favorite, and she more than lived up to this role: New Zealander Ruth Croft of the adidas Terrex Team won the 88-kilometer Ehrwald Trail in a commanding 11:09:54 hours - and was even faster than the fastest man, Till Fischer of LG Würm Athletik, who needed 11:10:38 hours. The podium was completed by Valerie Anderl from Lenggries and Andrea Hecht from Munich in the women's race, and the Germans Anno Dallmann and Robin Tritschler in the men's race.

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Leutasch Trail: Victories for Austria and Great Britain

Alexander Gepp from Austria is the winner of the Leutasch Trail: in 7:38:42 hours he won ahead of Lars Schweizer from Two Peaks Endurance (8:09:39) and Jakob Schmidt in 8:28:07 hours. The women were extremely strong: the fastest woman was the favored Chrissie Wellington from Great Britain, who conjured up the third-fastest time of the day on the trails in 8:25:26 hours. Just ahead of the German Hannah Kilgenstein (8:27:35), who thus took the lead in the women's category. Third fastest woman of the day overall: Lisa Schäller in 8:38:49 hours.

Mittenwald Trail: Flo Reichert and Jasmin Nunige on top

The Mittenwald Trail was the most popular competition at this year's ZUT with almost 1000 runners. In the women's category the victory went as expected to the favored Swiss Jasmin Nunige from Team adidas Terrex in 4:36:34 hours. As winner of the Master Women category she was also ahead of the 3 fastest women in the Womens category: Ilka von Hubatius, Ulrioke Huber and Manuela Kastner. The men's category was closer and more exciting: Volkwagen R athlete Florian Reichert ran in a leading group of 3 from the beginning and then was able to break away from the Osterfelder on the downhill and didn't let him take the lead anymore. He finally won in 4:01:49 hours ahead of Max Rahm, who was in the lead for a long time and crossed the finish line after 4:05:56 hours. The third fastest man was Stefan Lämmle, who also took the victory in the "Master Men" category.

Grainau Trail: Top times at the "Beginner Trail

The newly launched Grainau Trail over 14 kilometers and 500 meters of altitude was not only an exciting experience for many trail novices, but also turned out to be a real high-speed competition for really fast athletes. The Australian Vlad Ixel, last week still in action at the World Mountain and Trailrunning Championships, was the only runner to stay under the hour mark in 58:11 minutes. Strong second: Raphael Rakut ahead of Aaron Schohn. Third fastest runner and winner in the Master Men category was Volkswagen R athlete Sebastian Hallmann (1:01:19).

The Volkswagen R team also shone in the women's category, this time even in front: Lena Ritzel won in 1:08:31 hours ahead of Karin Hahn (1:09:27) and Steffi Platt in 1:13:11 hours.

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Garmisch-Partenkirchen Trail: Double triumph for Salomon

The Garmisch-Partenkirchen Trail, which was already held on Friday, was won by the two Salomon athletes Emma Pooley from Switzerland and Hans-Peter Innerhofer from Austria, both starting for Team Salomon.

All info and results at zugspitz-ultratrail.com

The livestream can be watched here

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