

16 th DYNAFIT Transalpine Run 2021 powered by Volkswagen R – **Leading teams extend lead, RUN2 winners triumph in St. Anton am Arlberg**

The second stage of the 16th DYNAFIT Transalpine Run powered by Volkswagen R from Lech am Arlberg to St. Anton am Arlberg could take place today in best running conditions. The leading Swiss team with Martin Lustenberger and Ramon Manetsch, Team Gantrischbike.ch-Marathonteam Kriens, celebrated the second day's victory with a time of 3:04:05 hours over the distance of 28.7 km and 1,640 hm. In the women's race, Eli Anne Dvergsdal (NOR) and Ida-Sophie Hegemann (GER), Team DYNAFIT Squad x The North Face triumphed again after 3:49:44, extending their lead to a comfortable 53 minutes. Just as sovereignly, Stephanie Kröll and Martin Kaschmann, Team Mountain Shop Hörhager, from Zillertal defended their lead in the mixed ranking after 3:40:20.





Left: On the second stage of the Transalpine Run from Lech am Arlberg to St. Anton am Arlberg. Foto: Hendrik Auf'mkolk. Right: Johanna Hiemer (AUT) and Maria Koller (GER) won the women's category of RUN2. Foto: Andi Frank.

Results TAR - the leading teams defend their positions

Martin Lustenberger and Ramon Manetsch were able to extend their lead over the runners-up and are happy about their successful day. Ramon Manetsch, for the first time at the TAR: "We run from day to day and see what the body says. Tomorrow there will surely be the first signals and we will have to adapt our running style to it. So far we fit together very well, run with caution and have not yet gone full speed - we only got to know each other last year at the Swiss Trail Tour." Lustenberger already won in 2019, while runners-up Micha Steiner and Gabriel Lombriser, Team Davos Klosters (CH), and third-place finishers Alexander Hutter and Manuel Zorn, Team F7-Coros (both AUT) successfully defended their podium positions today.

Similarly, the lead in the women's classification was confirmed after the second stage: behind Eli Anne Dvergsdal (NOR) and Ida-Sophie Hegemann (GER), Shari Willken and Lena Haushofer, Team Adidas Runners Munich, defended second place ahead of the Austrian DYNAFIT Trailhero Team with Christina Stadelmann and Andrea Zogsberger, who remain close to 13 minutes behind Willken/ Haushofer.

Stephanie Kröll and Martin Kaschmann from the Zillertal continue to prove their outstanding competition form on the second day. Martin Kaschmann at the finish: "Today it went great. We take every day as it comes. Stephanie

















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is in a good mood, I couldn't run faster." Second place is retained by Bianca Morvillo and Albert Eisensteiner, Team A&B, from Italy. Third place on the podium was narrowly defended by Sylvie and Marcel Geissler, TEAMG, (both GER).

The best time of the day went to Florian Reichert, Team Volkswagen R, who crossed the finish line as a soloist after his team partner Sebastian Hallmann had to leave due to illness. Supporter Volkswagen R is pleased with the performance, although sad that the favored team is no longer running in the team competition classification. Nadine Marfeld, Experience Marketing: "We regret Sebastian's retirement, but are all the more pleased today with Florian about the impressive performance and about the fact that the two professionals motivate our seven employee running teams immensely and pull them along."

Winning RUN2 teams - clear choices for men's and women's winners

The RUN2 is held over the first two stages, making the finish line in St. Anton am Arlberg the grand finale for 150 teams. DYNAFIT athletes Johanna Hiemer (AUT) and Maria Koller (GER) extended their lead after the first stage. They won the women's category after a smooth run and an overall time of 7:59:55 with a 1:10 hour lead over the runners-up, Team #Läuft with Bettina Schiebel and Manuela Scharpf from Germany. Susi Lell-Reichert from Allgäu and Svenja Moser from Team Salomon Running Germany were happy about the third place at RUN2 after a total of 9:43:16.

In the men's race, the decision was similarly clear: Austrians Daniel Jochum and David Kögler, Team Kleinwalser-tal/Dynafit/Salomon, ran to first place after 7:40:03 over both days and with a commanding lead of over an hour. Daniel Jochum became a father last Sunday and after this success he could be especially happy that the start at the RUN2 worked out for him. The Germans Stefan Friedrich and Simon Weig crossed the finish line in second place after 8:42:31. Christian Kiefer and Markus Beyrer (GER) secured 3rd place in the RUN2 2021.

In the mixed classification the team of the partner Orthomol Sport with Sandra Schmid and Matthias Schwarze from Germany won after 9:12:52 hours. The previous day's winners Melina Vollmer and Alexander Finke (GER) reached the finish line just two minutes later. Third place in the RUN2 mixed teams went to Austria's Magdalena Schiffer and Markus Friedl.

For more information on the DYNAFIT Transalpine Run powered by Volkswagen R and this year's course please visit <u>transalpine-run.com</u> or check out the <u>Transalpine Run 2021 Video of the Day 1</u>.

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