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Top performances on the starting stage of the 18th Dynafit Transalpine Run powered by Volkswagen R from Lech am Arlberg to St. Anton am Arlberg

The first stage of the 18th Dynafit Transalpine Run 2023 powered by Volkswagen R (TAR) is in the books. In ideal conditions, 865 athletes from 36 countries started their journey across the Alps. Fastest runner of the day was Micha Steiner from Switzerland, fastest TAR team "The North Face" with the Germans Marcel Geißler and Patrick Ehrentaler, fastest RUN2 team "DNA Trails" from Holland. The women's race saw strong Swiss runners: The podium places went to three women's teams from Switzerland.

A record field of 865 runners set off from Lech am Arlberg to St. Anton am Arlberg at 8:00 am in the morning: Over 33 kilometers and 1,800 meters in altitude, team "The North Face" with Marcel Geißler and Patrick Ehrentaler was the only TAR team to stay under the 4 hour mark in 3:55:55 h. The team "Nnormal" with Michael Ambrose and Joshua Korn (both US) finished second. The gap to the second-placed team is almost half an hour. All the more astonishing: The "Senior Masters" Clemens Keller and Anton Philipp (Team Seeberger-Mammut) can be happy about the second fastest TAR team time. The two runners once again proved to be extremely experienced and successful Transalpine Runners with more than ten years of TAR experience and victories in their categories. No less surprising: The mixed duo "Allgäu Racing Team" with Tanja Löwenhagen and Tobi Abt finished as the third fastest team in the overall category. In the women's category, three Swiss teams are in the lead after the first stage. Team "Alpstein Power" with Simone Räss and Nadja Fässler has a lead of almost two and a half minutes after 4:26:51 h over the second-placed "Team Liechtenstein" with Lea Tauern and Martina Augsburg. The third fastest women also come from Switzerland: "Skimo Appenzell" with Nicole Signer and Evelyne Masner crossed the finish line ten minutes later.

The fastest times of the day, however, were run by the participants of the solo competition, which was introduced for the first time. Micha Steiner from Switzerland won in a sensational 3:18:55 h, a good 4 minutes ahead of German Asics frontrunner Frank Gerig and Dynafit athlete Bartosz Misiak from Poland. The fastest solo runner was Laura O'Driscoll from Ireland, who had already been favored in advance, ahead of the two Germans Silvia Felt and Stefanie Woltring.

With a sensational time, the Dutch Allard-Sym Sprenger and Collin Van Almkerk from the team "DNA Trails" reached the first of two stages of the RUN2. They secured the best time of the day as team runners with 3:45:17 h. With a strong time, 4:09:24 h, the Austrian mixed team "Bickel" with Maximilian and Anna-Sophie Meusburger triumphed in the mix category. The women's team "Trail Jabberwockies", also from Austria, won after 4:52:07 h.

Tomorrow, 10 September, the second stage will cover 30 kilometers and 1,450 meters of altitude difference from St. Anton am Arlberg to Ischgl. The route has been changed due to a mudslide. For the more than 300 teams of the popular RUN2, the finish line in Ischgl will already be the final destination. From Switzerland: "Skimo Appenzell" with Nicole Signer and Evelyne Manser crossed the finish line ten minutes later.

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