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## **RUN2: Teams from the Netherlands and Austria win sovereignly. In the Transalpine Run over 7 days, the leading teams consolidated their top positions.**

**The slightly lighter second stage of the Dynafit Transalpine Run powered by Volkswagen R led from St. Anton to Ischgl in Austria. Yesterday's winning teams were able to maintain or extend their top positions. The fastest man was again Micha Steiner from Switzerland, the fastest woman again today was Laura O'Driscoll from Ireland – both running in the solo classification. 136 RUN2 teams collected their well-deserved finisher medals at the finish in Ischgl. With the 3rd stage from Ischgl to Galtür tomorrow, a real marathon, "garnished" with 2,550 meters of altitude, awaits the participants of the seven-day crossing of the Alps.**

After the challenging start stage from Lech to St. Anton am Arlberg, the second stage of the Transalpine Run to Ischgl, which was slightly less demanding due to a mudslide, came in handy for most of the runners: a long, but shady and not too steep climb up to about 2,650 metres, followed by a crisp downhill and a few tough kilometers on the valley floor to Ischgl. As on the previous day, the three fastest runners in the solo classification were Micha Steiner from Switzerland in 2:40:48 h, a few minutes ahead of Frank Gerig (DE) and Bartosz Misiak from Poland. A similar picture presented itself in the women's race: Laura O'Driscoll from Ireland finished in 3:33:10 h ahead of the two Germans Silvia Felt and Stefanie Woltring.

In the team competition, the two North Face athletes Marcel Geißler and Patrick Ehrentaler (3:09:28 h) from Germany extended their lead. The surprisingly fast Volkswagen R Team with brothers Jan and Tim Rohrer, who stormed onto the podium for the first time, was happy to take second place.

In the women's classification, the Swiss Simone Räss and Nadja Fässler from the "Alpstein Power" team (3:34:55 h) remain sovereign leaders with their second win of the day. A tough battle was on the horizon in the Senior Masters: Team "Seeberger-Mammut" with Clemens Keller and Anton Philipp and "Die Vinschger" with Patrick Wallnöfer and Anton Steiner (IT) agreed on a joint finish after the second refreshment (3:18:34 h).

There were new winners of the day in the master classification: In the women's category the Swiss team "Skimo Appenzell" secured the victory (4:06:55 h), in the men's category the team "Suvrette Sport St. Moritz" (3:18:18), also from Switzerland, reached today's stage finish as first in their category.

### **Final at RUN2: Teams from the Netherlands and Austria win the "short" Transalpine Run**

Allard-Sym Sprenger and Collin Van Almkerk from Team "DNA Trails" were beaming after they won the second stage today and thus won the overall ranking of the RUN2; in the end, the two Dutchmen crossed the finish line around 45 minutes ahead of Team "Allgäu Outlet Racing" and Team "Galtür/Trailmotion Tirol". The victory in the women's race was similarly sovereign: Team "Trail Jabberwockies" with Austrians Verena Helminger and Kerstin Wallmann was also the fastest women's team on the second stage. In the mixed classification, team "Bickel" with Maximilian and Anna-Sophie Meusbürger (AT) celebrated the second day's victory and thus deserved first place in this year's Run2.

A total of 136 of 154 RUN2 teams reached the finish line in Ischgl. The 538 runners who will run across the Alps in seven days will set off tomorrow on a comparably challenging and long stage that will take them all the way to Galtür. On day 3, 42 kilometers and over 2,500 meters of altitude will be the first real endurance test of this year's Transalpine Run.

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