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# Day 6: Transalpine Run arrives in South Tyrol. The favourites maintain their positions.

The 18th Dynafit Transalpine Run powered by Volkswagen R is coming to a close. The penultimate stage from Scuol to St. Valentin auf der Haide in South Tyrol was a challenging one, covering 34.5 kilometres and 2250 metres of elevation gain, with sections reaching almost 3000 metres. Many participants considered it the most beautiful stage of this year's Transalpine Run.

## Men: Second stage win for the Adlerweg twins, The North Face still in the lead

The Adlerweg Twins, Friedrich Putz and Maximilian Loy, gave it their all to take victory on the sixth stage from Scuol to St. Valentin auf der Haide in South Tyrol. They completed the stage in 4 hours, 17 minutes and 44 seconds, a slight advantage of around three minutes over overall leaders Marcel Geißler and Patrick Ehrentaler of The North Face. With an overall lead of over two hours, The North Face are unlikely to lose their grip on the overall victory. In third place today, both on the stage and overall, was yesterday's winner, NNormal from the USA.

#### Women: Team Liechtenstein keeps pace

Lea Tauern and Martina Augsburger from Team Liechtenstein are not giving up: With another stage win in 4 hours and 56 minutes, they closed the gap to today's second placed team, Alpstein Power (Nadja Fässler and Simone Räss), by about nine minutes. The latter will start tomorrow's final stage with a lead of around 21 minutes. The Zurich Maniacs with Marcia Mürner and Clara Meister are safely in third place.

#### Master Men: Swiss Team maintains unchallenged lead

Suvretta Sports St. Moritz with Sascha Hosennen and Peter Portmann continued to lead on the 6th stage. Their time was 4 hours, 31 minutes, and 25 seconds. The second-place team, as in the previous day, was Team SMAider - Run for SMA, ahead of the Handwerker Runners Hervis Saalfelden. Lord Jens Kramer and Matthias Dippacher, who were leading at the beginning of TAR, need to make a comeback, as they missed the podium today and will be fighting for second place in the overall standings tomorrow.

#### Senior Masters Men: Seeberger-Mammut ahead of Die Vinschger

Clemens Keller and Anton Philipp (Team Seeberger-Mammut) won stage 6 in 4 hours, 33 minutes and 19 seconds, maintaining their lead over Team Die Vinschger. The Americans Middle Age Fast with Greg Tew and Brian Arquilla made their debut on the podium today and are now third overall.

#### **Mixed: Dominant leaders**

**Tanja Löwenberger**, probably the fastest woman in the field, and her partner **Tobi Apt** from the **Allgäu Outlet Raceteam** once again secured victory in the Mixed category, completing the stage in a strong 4 hours, 35 minutes and 27 seconds. Second place went to Team **Bayerwaldhof** with **Michael Münsterer and Lisa Hamberger**, while third place went to **Team Tansa with Tanja Lehmann and Samuel Dear**, who made their first podium appearance.

#### Master Mixed: WeRun4Fun e.V. in the lead

One of the most exciting races, with several lead changes, has been between the top two teams in the Master Mixed category. But today, **Benjamin Klöppel and Claudia Rosegger** from Team **WeRun4Fun e.V.** didn't give **Team F7/Coros** a chance. With a time of 4 hours, 47 minutes and 18 seconds, they gained almost half an hour - a significant advantage going into tomorrow's final stage. "We are just strong in the latter part," commented Benjamin Klöppel on their impressive performance.

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In the **Senior Master Mixed** category, **the Engadin Runners Eric Wyss and Gabriela Egli** secured another victory with a time of 5 hours, 3 minutes, and 17 seconds. **Die Sonnigen**, featuring **Christian Meusburger and Andrea Meusburger-Kaufmann**, came in second again but maintained their overall lead. Third place went to the Spanish **Xabi-Leire** Team.

### TAR Solo: Gering ahead of Steiner and Misiak

Asics Frontrunner **Fabian Gering** solidified his position in the overall standings with his third stage win, completing the stage in 3 hours, 50 minutes, and 47 seconds. He now holds a lead of over 22 minutes over Switzerland's **Micha Steiner** and Poland's **Bartosz Misiak** as they head into the final stage to Prad am Stilfserjoch. Gering, primarily a road runner with limited trail experience, is somewhat surprised by his performance: "My longest trail run until now was 36 kilometres, and here, you have to tackle that almost daily. What surprises me the most is how well my feet and legs are handling the challenges."

In the **women's** category, **Laura O'Driscoll** continued her dominance, taking her sixth stage win in a time of 5 hours 29 minutes. She finished ahead of **Silvia Felt** and Austria's **Wonny Keil**, who is now third in the overall standings.

Tomorrow's seventh **and final stage to Prad am Stilfserjoch** concludes the Transalpine Run. **With 40 kilometres, 1650 metres of ascent and 2200 metres** of descent, the competitors will face one last tough challenge before earning the coveted finisher's shirt.

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