



## MaXi-Race Trail international du lac d'Annecy

du 25 au 27 Mai 2018

Anney, May 27, 2018

### International podium finishes for an always festive Salomon Gore-Tex® MaXi-Race

All throughout the weekend, 8500 runners from 50 countries tested their mettle on the different courses between Lake Annecy and the surrounding mountains. The MaXi-Village, with 40 exhibitors, counted more than 20,000 visitors who took the opportunity to meet with brands and other race organizers. New this year, the MaXi-O proved an overwhelming success. At the finish line this morning, frontrunners in the Marathon-Race, the XL-Race, the XXL-Race, and the Short-Race, as well as 210 three to ten year olds in the Kids' Race, finished one after the other. Together, everyone in this athletic and energetic crowd help to create an amazingly warm, friendly, and festive atmosphere!

While runners scrambled up and over the surrounding summits, the MaXi-Lake was busy down on the water, where stand up paddle, dragon boat, crew, and canoe/kayak enthusiasts enjoyed rowing one of 3 distances (34km, 18km, or 5km) around the lake.

As faraway thunderstorms started making their way towards Albigny Beach, Sunday morning closed out a truly incredible **Lake Annecy Outdoor Festival** weekend.

#### Saturday, May 26

##### Ultra-Race, 116km, 7360m vertical gain

Francesco CUCCO (IT) and Mimmi KOTKA won decisive victories for the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Ultra-Race. The more than pleasant surprise of the day was Mimmi's 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the overall rankings. The Swede ran an unbelievable race, with the women's second-place runner crossing the finish line 3 hours and 17 minutes later.

##### Key stats

Runners at start: 976, including 40 women (4.10% of participants)

Finishers: 659 (67.52% of participants) including 28 women (4.25% of finishers) (70% of women participating)

DNF: 317 (32.48% of participants)

##### MaXi-Race, 85km, 5140m vertical gain

An impressive win for Germain GRANGIER (FR), who ran most of the race in 3<sup>rd</sup> position, just laying in wait for the right opportunity to pass the 2 men in front, took over the lead on the final descent. Germain then stayed at the finish line to greet his girlfriend, American Katie SCHIDE, who won the women's race. What an incredible day for the international couple!

##### Key stats

Runners at start: 1529, including 134 women (8.76% of participants)

Finishers: 1052 (8.80% of participants) including 88 women (8.37% of finishers) (66.67% of women participating)

DNF: 477 (31.20% of participants)

#### Sunday, May 27

##### Marathon Race, 42km, 2650m vertical gain

At the 07:30 start this morning in Doussard, the dark menacing thunder clouds decided to keep their cool, making for ideal conditions at the beginning of the race.

Thibaut Garrivier, Mathieu Delpéuch, and Baptiste Chassagne finished their race one after the other in a very, very tight race. What a fantastic win for Thibaut, who stated that, *"We started out really fast, so I decided to let everyone go to avoid blowing a gasket right away. I built up a big lead at the end, probably because I still had relatively fresh legs! What an incredibly beautiful but very technical course! A big thanks to race organizers and volunteers; the trail markings were perfect. I'll be back next year to run with the adults in the 85km race!"*

The top three women battled it out as well, passing their male counterparts one after the other on the climb to Pas de l'Aulp. Anaelle Peri (FR), in 89<sup>th</sup> place overall, was in 42<sup>nd</sup> place at the summit of Mt. Baron, right on the heels of the first 2 women, Marie Perrier (MRI), and Emmanuelle Moracchini (FR), just 3 minutes apart from one another, in 36<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> place (overall) respectively. They finished on the podium in the same order.

Key stats as of 14:30

Runners at start: 1776, including 340 women (19.14% of participants)

Finishers: 495 (27.87% of participants) including 54 women (10.91% of finishers) (15.88% of women participating)

DNF: 59 (3.32% of participants) at 14:00

### **The XL Race, around the lake in two days**

Day 1: 42.6km, 2500m vertical gain – Day 2: 42.1km, 2650m vertical gain

Swiss runner Diego Pazos, with his legendary smile and red bow tie, won the race on his first try. He crossed the finish line carrying his 6-month old baby, who had the same exact smile and red bow tie of course! Diego has a full schedule over the next few months, including the Lavaredo Ultra Trail and running across Switzerland (400km...).

Key stats as of 14:30

Runners at start: 368, including 63 women (17.12% of participants)

Finishers: 213 (57.88% of participants) including 27 women (12.68% of finishers) (42.86% of women participating)

DNF: 38 (10.33% of participants)

### **The XXL Race, two days for an Ultra**

Day 1: 73.7km – Day 2: 42.1km

Sacha Devillaz (FR) won the race in 13:29 in front of Spaniard David Calero Rodriguez.

Runners at start: **86**, including **11** women (12.79% of participants)

Key stats as of 14:30

Finishers: 45 (52.33% of participants) including 6 women (13.33% of finishers) (54.55% of women at start)

DNF: 16 (18.60% of participants)

Runners for all three races will continue crossing the finish line until 18:00.

We look forward to seeing you the last weekend of May 2019!

For all results: <http://www.maxirace.livetrail.net/>

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