



Salomon GORE-TEX® MaXi-Race What an amazing effort all around!

Annecy, May 26, 2019

Rain, wind, sun, warm temps, and mud: an entire season of weather in just three days for the 9th edition of the Salomon GORE-TEX® MaXi-Race.

All around Lake Annecy, an incredible mix of international elites, amateurs, adults and kids all passionate about trail running, demonstrated why the MaXi-Race ranks first among major trail-running events.

At the MaXi-Village, runners, companions, and so many others contributed to the unbelievably friendly and spirited atmosphere for another perfect MaXi-Race weekend along the shores of beautiful Lake Annecy.

Friday, May 24

Short Race: 16km / 950m vertical gain

For the first stage on the Mountain Running World Cup, the world's best were present. In just 1 hour 15 minutes, Andrew Douglas (GBR) crossed the finish line at full speed in record time, with Andy Wacker (USA) and Kenyan Robert Panin Surum right behind him.

For the women, Lucy Wambui Murigi scored a magnificent Kenyan victory, with Ireland's Sarah McCormack finishing in second, and France's Iris Pessey in third.

By the numbers:

- Runners at the start: 652, including 192 women (29.45% of participants)
- Number of finishers: 644 (98.77% of participants), including 187 women (29.04% of finishers)
- Number of DNF: 8 (1.23% of participants)

Saturday, May 25

MaXi Race: 82km, 5200m vertical gain

After placing 3rd in 2016 and 2nd in 2017, Michel Lanne finally set foot on the top podium step. In fantastic form, Michel crossed the finish line with a 20-minute lead in front of second and third-place finishers, Vincent Viet (FRA) and Nicolas Duhail (FRA) respectively.

For the women, France's Marion Delespierre, 3rd at the 90km du Mont-Blanc, and 15th at the TDS in 2018, enjoyed her first major victory and placed 23rd overall. Runners Isabelle Dragon (FRA) and Virginia Olivero (ITA) rounded out the podium.

By the numbers:

- Runners at the start: 1770, including 135 women (7.63% of participants)
- Number of finishers: 1290 (72.88% of participants), including 94 women (7.29% of finishers)
- Number of DNF: 480 (27.12% of participants)

Ultra Race: 115km, 7000m vertical gain

Jason Schlarb (USA) and Unai Dorronsoro (ESP), the two frontrunners during the second half of the race, reinforced their healthy lead over the rest of the pack after François d'Haene, the other favorite, had to drop out after severely twisting his ankle. Little by little Unai Dorronsoro widened the gap to win with a 15-minute lead.

The women's lead runner, 54-year-old Hungarian Ildiko Wermescher, crossed the finish a little less than 4 hours later, placing 39th overall.

By the numbers:

- Runners at the start: 936, including 38 women (4.06% of participants)
- Number of finishers: 644 (68.80% of participants), including 27 women (4.19% of finishers)
- Number of DNF: 292 (31.20% of participants)

Femina Race

Virginie Caillaud won the race in 1 hour 51 minutes, followed by Djamila Bengueche and Sandrine Motto-Ros.

By the numbers:

- Runners at the start: 499 and only 2 DNF (0.42% of participants)

MaXi Orientation

Damien BERGUERRE, running for STAPS Chambéry, won with a 30-minute lead over team Gnolus and team ARVIS.

By the numbers:

- Teams at the start: 83 (165 participants)
- Number of finishing teams: 77 (153 participants),
- Number of DNF: 6 teams

Sunday, May 26

Marathon-Race: 40km, 2500m vertical gain

The French swept the Marathon Race, the second stage on the Golden Trail National Series. Adrien Michaud crossed the finish line in 3 hours 39 minutes, 6 minutes ahead of Kevin Vermeulen and Arnaud Bonin.

For the women, first-place finisher Marine Quintard ran her race in 4 hours 45 minutes. Lucie Jasmin and Julia Rezzi finished not too far behind.

By the numbers:

- Runners at the start: 1991, including 385 women (19.34% of participants)

XL-Race: 81 km, 5200m vertical gain in 2 days

At the end of day two of this 2-day race, Italian Francesco CUCCO, winner of the 2018 Ultra Race, crossed the finish line in 1st place. Frenchmen Sylvain Perrin and Julien Triollier followed just 15 minutes behind.

The race for the podium proved a close one for the women, with de Magali Doucende Favaro (FRA) finishing in first, followed by Silvia Felt (GER) and Claire Le Pors (FRA).

By the numbers:

- Runners at the start: 340, including 57 women (16.76% of participants)

XXL-Race - 117km in two days

Rains during the first day did nothing to slow down runners who then took full advantage of a bright and sunny day two. Germain Grangier (FRA), who won last year's MaXi-Race, and Clément Molliet (FRA) crossed the finish line at Albigny Beach together. However, since Germain ran a better time on day one, he takes the victory. Michel DETRE (FRA) finished in third place.

For the women, Jocelyne Amar Delapierre (FRA) finished in time for lunch with an overall time for the two-day race of 22 hours 49 minutes. Marie Felix (FRA) and Pascale Sterdyniak (FRA) finished 2nd and 3rd respectively.

By the numbers:

- Runners at the start: 129, including 5 women (3.88% of participants)

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Mini Race

And 266 kids participated in the Mini Race, to run just like the adults!

For all results and statistics: <https://maxirace.livetrail.net>



For all race information, the press kit, press releases, and press passes:

www.maxi-race.org

High-definition photos → <http://vu.fr/photos-presse-maxirace>

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Results, favorites, and info posted on: <https://maxirace.livetrail.net/>

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