

8. GROSSGLOCKNER ULTRA-TRAIL powered by DYNAFIT - JULY 27 - 30; 2023 **1.800 RUNNERS @ AUTRIA'S MOST CHALLENGING TRAIL COMPETITION**

- GGUT victory over 116 kilometers and 5,000 meters in altitude goes to Jordi Gamito Baus (ESP) and DYNAFIT athlete Kirsten Hindhammer Amundsgård (NOR)
- Weather-related route adjustments for GGUT and OTT
- More than 24 hours live transmission GGUT LIVE TV
- Premiere of the short distance Kaprun Scenic Trail (16 km, 1,000 m ascent)



DYNAFIT athlete Kirsten Hindhammer Amundsgård (NOR) at the finish line after 110 kilometers. Right: Breathtaking scenery on the Gletscherwelt Trail from Enzingerboden to Kaprun (Photos: Harald Wisthaler)

1,800 runners from 45 nations and a sensational audience transformed Kaprun and the surrounding mountains into a superlative trail running arena. The athletes went on technically demanding trails over five distances of 16 to 110 kilometers in mixed weather conditions. The organizer of the race adjusted the route of the supreme discipline GGUT on Friday due to a thunderstorm warning - the runners started at 10 p.m. on the route, which was 6 kilometers longer. More than 400 helpers (mountain rescue, fire brigade and volunteers) ensured the safety and food for the trail runners at the Grossglockner ULTRA-TRAIL® powered by DYNAFIT. The moderator team realized a high-quality live broadcast with GGUT Live TV.

On Friday, July 28, the GWT 35 started at 8 a.m. and the new short-distance Kaprun Scenic Trail KST over 16 kilometres at 9 a.m. For the athletes on the adapted GGUT route, the starting signal was given at 10 p.m. in the centre of Kaprun. Jordi Gamito Baus (Brooks Running) won the GGUT 110 in 14:25.13.1. The Spaniard had already won competitions over the K55 and K85 distances at the GGUT in the past. "Winning here makes me happy every time, the event is well organized and the high alpine impressions are stunning," reports Gamito Baus. "I ran with the Italian Ivan Favretto for hours and I would have been happy to reach the finish line with him. But when he ran out of strength in Ferleiten, I had to pull away – I didn't want others to catch up."

In the women's race, victory went to Norway: Kirsten Hindhammer Amundsgård won the race with a time of 16:09:11.4 hours. The DYNAFIT athlete became a mother ten months ago and now she has won the GGUT. The Scandinavian laughed: "It's not my thing to just slowly find my way back into

routines. While I was on maternity leave, I did long, hard workouts on the treadmill in our gym, but I still have hip and muscle issues."

Second and third place for the men at the GGUT went to Austria: Mathias Deutschbauer crossed the finish line after 14:29.19.3 hours, David Wöhner made it to third place. Czech Marcela Rambova finished second in 19:27:51.7 hours ahead of Leonie Hasenauer (AUT).

Married couple gets two podium finishes on competition Friday: Maria Purschke first at KST16, André third at GWT35

The Grossglockner ULTRA-TRAIL started on Friday with the races over 16 and 37 kilometres in bright sunshine. The GWT35 athletes climbed steeply from Enzingerboden to the Rudolfshütte, over the technically demanding Kapruner Törl (2,693 m) and past the reservoirs via Mooserboden to Kaprun. 1st place went to Marcel Höche (Adidas TERREX) and Sweden's Helena Wallin (4:37.03.8) with a time of 3:27.50.3 hours. Clemens Blassnig (AUT) and DYNAFIT trail hero Andrea Zogsberger (AUT) finished second on the podium ahead of André Purschke (GER) and Katharina Lechner (AUT), who each took third place.

The Australian Vlad Ixel won the new KST over 16 kilometres in 1:22:34.4 hours ahead of the East Tyroleans Bernhard Isplitzer and Marian Pargger. Maria Purschke (Germany) won the women's race in 1:31:26.8 hours ahead of her compatriot Karin Hahn and DYNAFIT trail hero Helena Schweidler.

First rank at the GGT 55 goes to Austria

Alexander Hutter from Stubai won the GTT in 6:12:54.2 hours and then spoke of a dream setting in the Alps. "I started slowly, paid attention to my pace and didn't let others influence me," enthuses Hutter. On the last climb he overtook Stefan Ungericht from South Tyrol (6:15.36.7) and won a strong finish with a lead of just a few minutes. Third was Robert Berger from Upper Austria.

Local hero Anna Andres (7:34.34.3) from Zell am See won the women's race ahead of Angels Llobera from Spain and Marketa Simkova from the Czech Republic.

Osttirol Trail (OTT 80) with a slightly modified route

At 5 a.m. the starting shot was fired at the OTT on Enzingerboden. From there, the 81-kilometre route, adjusted due to the thunderstorm warning, climbed 4,200 meters to Kaprun. The German Marcel Geissler won the OTT with a time of 9:44.22.8 hours ahead of Markus Stock (AUT) and the Czech Tomas Kubicki. WMTRC participant and resident of the Pinzgau Claudia Rosegger (AUT) won the OTT in 10:41:21.4 hours. Marie-Luise Mühlhuber from Germany, who lives in Tyrol, came second ahead of Martina Potrc Klančnik from Slovenia.

All results in detail are available at <https://www.datasport.com/live/ranking/?racenr=25358>

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