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16th DYNAFIT Transalpine Run 2021 powered by Volkswagen R – The leaders are now further ahead after the alpine stage between St. Anton am Arlberg and Galtür with strong performances in the master categories.

The enthusiasm and stable weather conditions continue with the third stage of the 16th DYNAFIT Transalpine Run powered by Volkswagen R, from St. Anton am Arlberg to Galtür. Despite being over 34 km with a challenging 2,450 hm, the day was a complete success and glorious running weather not only ensured a good atmosphere, but also produced top results. There was no way around Martin Lustenberger and Ramon Manetsch, Team Gantrischbike.ch-Marathonteam Kriens, today as the Swiss team ended up again in first place. With 28 minutes behind, the duo Micha Steiner/ Daniel Lombriser (CH) hold on to second place. At almost 40 minutes behind, the Austrian team F7-Coros with Alexander Hutter and Manuel Zorn defended their third position.



Left: The leading Team Lustenberger/ Manetsch (CH) with soloist Florian Reichert. Right: The third stage from St. Anton am Arlberg to Galtür was a spectacular stage in the high mountains, running at almost 3,000 meters above sea level. Photos: Andi Frank

After the start in St. Anton am Arlberg, runners set off on a stunning alpine stage. The route consisted of 34 km and 2,450 hm uphill into the Moostal valley, past the Kartellstausee lake to the Darmstädter Hütte (2,386m), over the Kuchenjöchli (2.730m) and Schafbichljöchli (2.637m), past the Friedrichshafener hut (2.141m), down to the junction at the Adamsberg, then to the finish in Galtür (1.575m).

Today's stage also went well for Eli Anne Dvergsdal (NOR) and Ida-Sophie Hegemann (GER), Team DYNAFIT Squad x The North Face, who extended their overall lead by 1:25 hours from runners-up Shari Willken (GER) and Lena Haushofer (GER), Team Adidas Runners Munich. Austrians Andrea Zogsberger and Christina Stadelmann, Team DYNAFIT Trailhero Girls, crossed the finish line in second place today, are in third place overall and managed to reduce their gap to three minutes behind second place. In the mixed category, Zillertal's Stephanie Kröll (AUT) and Martin Kaschmann (AUT), Team Mountain Shop Hörhager, were also unstoppable and as they start tomorrow with a 1:15 hour lead.



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Stage three delivered by far the longest day since the start of the race, even the winning teams were on the course for over an hour longer than yesterday. Race director Martin Hafenmair stated, „*It was a spectacular stage in the high mountains, with runners who were absolutely thrilled and spread a crazy atmosphere at almost 3,000 meters above sea level. It was huge fun!*“

New lead in the Master Men categories

There was a new winner today in the Master Men category with Italians Anton Steiner and Andreas Kristandl, Team Stilfserjoch Marathon, taking the lead and moving previous German leaders Clemens Keller and Armin Friesinger, Team Seeberger, to second place with a gap of almost three minutes. Excellent performances in the Senior Master Mixed category as well with Swiss team Marc and Priska Küffer, Team Prima, as they regained the leader's shirt.

The fourth stage tomorrow from Galtür across the Swiss border to Klosters will be the queen stage and will be long with 42.3 km and 2,030 hm of alpine running. This will surely challenge the trail runners with a marathon distance day which could change some of the overall results.

For more information on the DYNAFIT Transalpine Run powered by Volkswagen R and this year's course please visit transalpine-run.com or check out the [Transalpine Run 2021 Video of the Day 2](#).

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