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6th stage of the 16th DYNAFIT Transalpine Run 2021 powered by Volkswagen R – Leaderboards remain un-changed, as the Swiss teams hold their lead on the queen stage.

Stage 6 of the 16th DYNAFIT Transalpine Run powered by Volkswagen R (TAR) was long, intense and technically demanding, packed with 47 kilometers, 2,300 vertical meters ascent and 2,200 vertical meters descent. After yesterday's mountain sprint, day 6 started early at the Sportarena Klosters at 7:10 a.m., following the longest passage of the race. At exactly 12:11pm the first to arrive are Martin Lustenberger and Ramon Manetsch (5:01:17), confirming that the 6th stage will remain in Swiss hands. Micha Steiner and Gabriel Lombriser arrive with a difference of 9 minutes and 37 seconds. Ida-Sophie Hegemann and Eli Anne Dvergsdal, women's team DYNAFIT Squad x The North Face (6:07:54) remain strong and ahead in the women's overall standings. In second place are the DYNAFIT Trailhero Girls, Andrea Zogsberger and Christina Stadelmann (6:31:01).



At the highest point of the royal stage, the Fuorcla Zadrell (2,759 m).
Photo: Klaus Fengler.



The two leading Swiss teams, followed by Florian Reichert.
Photo: Andi Frank.

Day 6 royal stage course recap

With winds picking up, the starting signal for the penultimate stage of the DYNAFIT Transalpine Run powered by Volkswagen R was given at 7:10 a.m. in the sports and events arena in Klosters (1,210 m) where runners started the stage following the Landquart River on a slight uphill.

Surrounded by majestic views of snow-covered mountain peaks, including Piz Buin, towering above three-thousand-meters, teams ran through the Vernela Valley to the highest point of the stage - Fuorcla Zadrell (2,759 m).

„The subsequent downhill is enormously technical,“ says Martin Hafenmaier, who has been the TAR course director for several years, although he feels like all 47km of today's route are extremely varied. „The queen stage challenges the teams in every respect.“



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Winners* of the queen stage - First team arrives after 5:01:17

At 12:11 p.m. sharp, after 5 hours and 01 minutes, the overall leaders so far, Martin Lustenberger and Ramon Manetsch, cross the finish near the train station in Scuol. When asked what their strength is, Lustenberger answers directly, „When the others slow down, we stay constant.“ If nothing interferes, the goal of the successful duo for the last TAR stage on Friday is set: show consistency and enter Prad as the winner. „That will be another hard piece of work. Tomorrow will be tough,“ adds Lustenberger from Kriens. Second place is Team Davos Klosters, with a difference of 9:37 minutes. The timing indicates 5:10:54 as Micha Steiner and Gabriel Lombriser slow down at the finish line. For Micha Steiner, yesterday’s mountain sprint winner, today was a run home: „It’s nice to run home,“ says the 26-year-old from the Upper Engadine, who says he suffered today. Then he thanks everyone in the finish area in Rhaeto-Romanic for being there and for this run.

After 6:07:54 Ida-Sophie Hegemann and Eli Anne Dvergsdal, can be happy to once again be the first in the women’s ranking. Their lead over the second-placed women’s team, the DYNAFIT Trailhero Girls Andrea Zogsberger and Christina Stadelmann, is a comfortable 23:07.

Consistency is also found in the overall TAR rankings

In all categories, the leading groups remain unchanged. Thus, Team Stelvio Marathon, Anton Steiner and Andreas Kristandl, continue to lead in the Master Men classification. In the Master Women category, Stephanie Gil and Sonja Herbst from Team Laufsport Saukel by DYNAFIT, are listed as first place. In first place in the Senior Master Men category are Stefan Lang and Thomas Miksch from Team Allgäu Outlet Raceteam. The Mixed Teams are led by Stephanie Kröll and Martin Kaschmann, Team Mountainshop Hörhager. In the Master Mixed teams, first place is Lord Jens Kramer and teammate Irene Senfter, Team Skinfit International. In the Senior Master Mixed classification, Marc and Priska Küffer are ranked 1st.

With the 7th and final stage tomorrow, the course goes to Italy and will cover 44 kilometers and 2,290 meters of altitude.

This year the Transalpine Run will end after the 7th stage in Prad am Stilfserjoch. The starting signal will be given tomorrow at 7 a.m.

For more information on the DYNAFIT Transalpine Run powered by Volkswagen R and this year’s course please visit transalpine-run.com.

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