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An impressive Sabrina Verjee wins TOR330 - Tor des Géants®

Sabrina Verjee has certainly found a way to stand out in the international trail scene, with an impressive showdown at TOR330 - Tor des Géants®: she won the women ranking of the toughest endurance trail in the world with a stratospheric time of 80h19'38", the first woman under 85 hours.

It is difficult not to define it as a record, despite the change of route that excluded Col Brison, with Verjee who finished **in fifth place in the scratch ranking**, after having long chased **Silvia Trigueros Garrote** who seemed to have no rivals and who, until yesterday, was on her way to win her fourth TOR. Instead, the British gradually recovered ground on the Basque, nibbling minutes after minutes yesterday evening and finding the overtaking between the Magià Refuge and the Cuney Refuge around midnight. Garrote, who ran at her best, did not have the strength to remain attached to Sabrina Verjee, who increased the advantage more and more. Trigueros Garrote finished in second place in 84h58'55".

"I didn't race on Trigueros Garrote but I wanted to do my race," said Sabrina Verjee. "We overtook each other several times in the refuges, because one or the other was sleeping. It was nice to do a piece of the journey with her". The British had some health problems, as well as suffering from asthma: "For 36 hours I couldn't eat and it was tough. Compared to the races I'm used to doing, the mountains here are more impressive and I had problems with altitude, even though I came here a few weeks earlier to acclimatize and this helped". Accustomed to endurance races and feats, Sabrina Verjee won the **Spine Race** in 2020 and the **Spine Fusion** in 2019, both of 430 kilometers, as well as having recorded the Wainwright lakes record in 2021, 525 kilometers and 36,000 meters of elevation gain, beating the previous time that belongs to **Paul Tierney**, currently fourth at TOR450 - Tor des Glaciers.

In the afternoon, meanwhile, the podium of the men's race was completed after the victory of Jonas Russi. In second place **Simone Corsini**, still smiling and "sprinting" in 75h27'33", improved his time last year by more than seven hours. However, he had to fight more than expected, because **Andrea Macchi** was arriving behind him, then finishing the race in 76h43'50".

Henri Grosjacques backto-back at TOR130 - Tot Dret. Boifava wins among the women



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From the start to the finish line he dominated throughout the race, without ever looking back or showing signs of abating: not even the pouring rain managed to scratch the almost perfect performance shown by **Henri Grosjacques**, on the third TORX® 2022 race.

The fifth edition of **TOR130 - Tot Dret**, therefore, is Henri's again: 130 kilometers with 12,000 meters of elevation gain, raced at an even faster pace than last year, when he surprised all his opponents by taking home a prestigious victory in 25h42'23". Under the arch at the Jardin de l'Ange, in Courmayeur, the clock stopped at **22h06'31**": an excellent time, for Grosjacques, lower than **Giuliano Cavallo's** (23'h01" 25) of 2019 with a longer path, however.

His opponents - 386 who started last night Gressoney-Saint-

Jean - gradually had to surrender: the first to raise the white flag was the other Aosta Valley favorite, **Gilles Roux**, who retired in Ollomont. The Belgian **Florentin Gorris** (22h39'06 ") and the Swiss **Vincent Boitelet** (24h03'05") took the podium together with Grosjacques.

Among the women, the victory went to **Alessandra Boifava**, in 25h45'25". The Italian runner, already third in 2018, made her run on the two strongest athletes of the lot - **Oksana Riabova** and **Cristiana Follador** - taking advantage of their retirement, which took place for both in Oyace.

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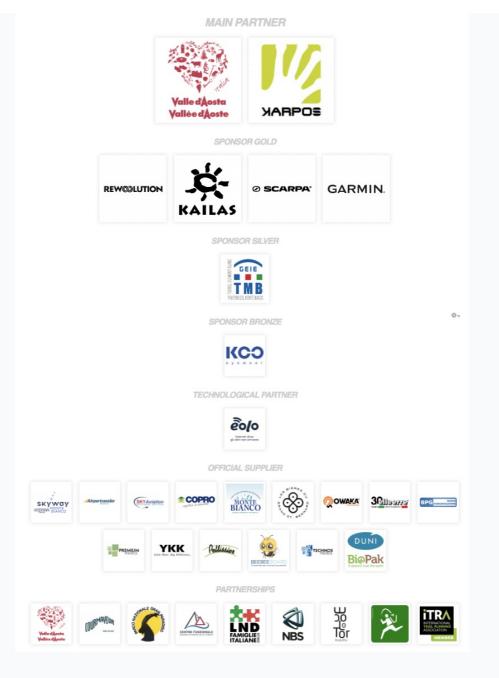
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