

## Press Release

# Spectacular races in three series on one weekend

**«Swissalpine – Race spectacle in three series» was the promise made by the organizers. With the K78, the King's race of the Swissalpine Marathon and five further races in this series, the T214 and two other races for the Swiss Irontrail and with four races in the Swiss Trail Series, this promise was easily fulfilled.**

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A multitude of races on one single weekend - a race spectacle like this one can only be found in the Grisons! Along with the King's race this weekend, the K78 which forms the classic Swissalpine Marathon along the course leading from Davos - Filisur - Bergün - Keschhütte - Davos, a multitude of spectacular races were on offer.

## Swissalpine Series as magnet for runners and spectators

The biggest attraction for runners turned out to be the races in the Swissalpine series. In the K78 alone, no less than 369 men and 85 ladies crossed the finishing line. Winner of the race was Tofol Castanyer from Spain crossing the finish line in the fantastic time of 6 hours and 25 minutes. Second place was taken by Roman Wyss from Niederbipp / Switzerland around 12 minutes later.

## Swedish triumph in the Ladies' K78

The performance of Jasmin Nunige, from Davos, the dominatrix of the ladies' K78 race for many years, was followed with great interest and suspense as an exciting dual with the ultra-runner Ida Nilsson from Sweden was expected. A foot injury, believed by Jasmin Nunige the week before the race to be under control, defeated the dual before it started: Nunige was forced to retire with a heavy heart in Bergün. Ida Nilsson did not let this affect her and ran an irresistible K78 race, crossing the finishing line in a time of 7 hours and 5 minutes. How strong this performance was is illustrated by the fact that second placed Sarah Morwood from Great Britain took more than an hour longer for the same course, arriving in 8 hours and 10 minutes. Third place was taken by Luzia Bühler from Flims (Grisons) with a time of 8 hours and 12 minutes.

## **Dominant winner of the Swiss Irontrail**

A race over 214 kilometres – unbelievable for many people - but not for Peter Kienzl from South Tyrol who crossed the finishing line in Davos after only 34 hours and 44 minutes - and looking as if he had just returned from an easy jogging trip! Second placed Roman Sutter from Appenzell (Switzerland) took around three hours longer.

Winner of the Ladies' Race was Denise Zimmermann from Wangs (Switzerland) in a time of 41 hours and 47 minutes. The effort taken to complete the course of 214 kilometres is illustrated by the fact that only 45 men and 5 ladies finished the course in this race.

## **A race weekend of beautiful weather and no problems**

The organisers drew a positive balance at the end of the varied series of races. All races were completed without any major incidents. Except for the usual minor injuries and infirmities such as blistered feet and cramped muscles, runners and organisers were spared any worse incidents. The fact that the weather was beautiful for all the races made life for the organisers easier, but in no way detracts from the performance of the organising committee and the numerous committed staff and helpers. Tired but proud faces were visible in the finishing zone. All runners were winners who believed in themselves to complete the course in each case and in many cases, surpassed themselves. Proudly recounted race experiences were heard nearly everywhere along with the commitment to return next year and complete one of the many possible courses.

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