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## A record-rythmed monologue for Sebastien Raichon at TOR450 - Tor des Glaciers fist day

At Rifugio Benevolo he was almost two and a half hours ahead the record made by Luca Papi in 2019, an “advantage” of nearly three hours at Rifugio Savoia, where he arrived at 17.02: **TOR450 - Tor des Glaciers** first day, after a **cold and snowy night**, is a monologue by French runner **Sebastien Raichon**, third at TOR330 - Tor des Géants® in 2019.

The one who, in the morning, seemed to be his main challenger, **Julien Christin-Benoit**, withdrew after Rifugio degli Angeli. The main threat, for Raichon, arrives form a solid troop of Spanish runners, with Javier Puit second at Rifugio Savoia together with the surprise from Guernsey with the name of **Tiaan Erwee**; slightly further behind, **Jorge Manuel Garcia Rodriguez** and **Pablo Criado Toca**. In the top ten are also **Volker Fohrmeister**, **Paul Tierney**, **Rainer Hiliz**, **Luca Guerini** and **Luca Papi** trying his comeback.

A trio leads the women race: at Rifugio Bezzi **Nicky Spinks** and **Marina Plavan** are seven minutes ahead of **Chloé Saint Joly**.

### **TOR330 - Tor des Géants® top runners presentation**

Today they paraded on the red carpet at Jardin de l'Ange, tomorrow their walk will be definitely harder: these are the TOR330 - Tor des Géants® top runners - 16 men and 6 women - who presumably will race for the victory.

No doubt **Franco Collé** will be the man to beat - a three-times winner (2014, 2018, 2021) who holds the record for the race at 64:43:57 and of course is the darling of the

home crowd. The Valle d'Aosta native is never satisfied though, he's determined to continue the celebration for his fellow locals. The competition will be no less tough and it's by no means certain there won't be a few surprises, a bit like last year when Collé had to bring all his experience into play to break away from **Jonas Russi** who stuck with him up right up till the last night. Russi from Switzerland will be running again and he'll be out for revenge after finishing in second place in 2021, even though he will be quite worn out by his last trails. He won't be alone; there'll be a line-up of merciless competitors from Italy and other countries trying to bring home the dream of finishing first in Courmayeur. **Andrea Macchi** has already done it three times - he won the 100k Gran Trail Courmayeur in 2017, 2019 and 2021, as well as gaining third place in the Tor des Géants® in 2017. **Peter Kienzl** - a maestro in endurance trails - came third in 2018. Hot on Macchi's trail will be **Simone Corsini**, who after winning the GTC100 this year will be trying to better the fifth place he took in last year's TOR330. **Andrea Mattiato** could well supply the surprise element with his recent third place in the 168k Cervino Matterhorn Ultra Race and second place in the 103k Dolomites Extreme Trail. The threat could also come from abroad with British runners **Damian Hall** and **Kim Collison** and Swiss runner **Michael Nançoz** in the front line.

In the women's race, **Lisa Borzani** and **Silvia Trigueros Garrote** have dominated in the last five years, Borzani coming first in 2016 and 2017 and Trigueros Garrote coming top for the last three years and setting a new record of 85:23:15 in 2019. They should keep an eye on **Melissa Paganelli** in particular, who came second last year behind Trigueros Garrote and was winner of the GTC55 this year, and **Sandrine Beranger** who won the Terre des Dieux 165k this year with the third best time ever.

At the Jardin de l'Ange there were also **Martin Vairoli** will also be there - the AIRC ambassador taking part in a fundraiser for research into childhood cancer, **Oliviero Alotto**, the only finisher in 'year zero' of the Cursa di Ciclopi, **Oliviero Bosatelli**, two-times winner of TOR, **Roman Ficek**, **Asimina Inglesiou**, **Jens Lukas**, **Alberto Lorenzi**, **Natalie White** and **Sophie Grant**.

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## PROGRAMME

**Domenica 11 settembre | Sunday 11th September |  
Dimanche 11 septembre**

*Courmayeur Forum Sport Center*

7.00 -> 9.00 | TOR330 - Tor des Géants®

Distribuzione pettorali, deposito sacche | Bibs delivery and

bags drop off | Remise des dossards et depot sacs

*Viale Monte Bianco - Courmayeur*

10:00 | TOR330 - Tor des Géants® 1° gruppo / 1st wave /  
1er groupe

Partenza | Start | Départ

12:00 | TOR330 - Tor des Géants® 2° gruppo / 2nd wave /  
2ème groupe

Partenza | Start | Départ

**Martedì 13 settembre | Tuesday 13h September |**

**Mardi 13 septembre**

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14:00 -> 19:00 | TOR130 - Tot Dret - Distribuzione pettorali |  
Bibs delivery | Remise des dossards

18:00 -> 20:00 - Deposito sacche | Bags drop off | Depot  
sacs

20:30 - Briefing sulla linea di partenza | Briefing ont the start  
line | Briefing sur la ligne de départ

21:00 - Partenza | Start | Departure

**Mercoledì 14 settembre | Wednesday 14th September**

**| Mercredi 14 septembre**

*Courmayeur - Jardin de l'Ange*

4.00 | TOR330 - Tor des Géants®

Arrivo dei primi corridori | Arrival first runners | Arrivée  
premiers coureurs

20:00 | TOR130 - Tot Dret

Arrivo dei primi corridori | Arrival first runners | Arrivée  
premiers coureurs

**Giovedì 15 settembre | Thursday 15th September |**

**Jeudi 15 septembre**

*Courmayeur - Jardin de l'Ange*

10:00 | TOR450 - Tor des Glaciers

Arrivo dei primi corridori | Arrival first runners | Arrivée  
premiers coureurs

**Sabato 17 settembre | Saturday 17th September |**

**Samedi 17 septembre**

*Saint-Rhémy-en-Bosses*

7.00 -> 9.00 | TOR30 - Passage au Malatrà - Distribuzione  
pettorali | Bibs delivery | Remise des dossards

10:00 - Partenza | Start | Départ

*Courmayeur - Jardin de l'Ange*

13:00 | TOR30 - Passage au Malatrà

Arrivo dei primi corridori | Arrival first runners | Arrivée  
premiers coureurs

18:00 | TOR330 - Tor des Géants®, TOR450 - Tor des  
Glaciers, TOR30 - Passage au Malatrà  
Arrivo degli ultimi corridori | Arrival last runners | Arrivée  
derniers coureurs

**Domenica 18 settembre | Sunday 18h September |  
Dimanche 18 septembre**

*Courmayeur - Parco Bollino*

11:00 - Cerimonia di premiazione | Award ceremony |  
Remise des prix

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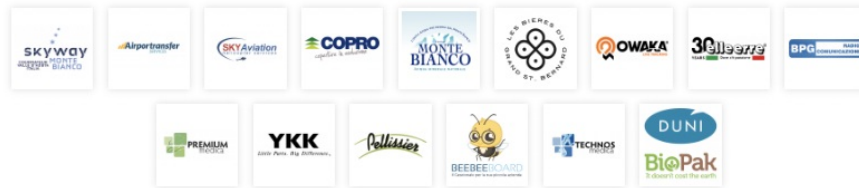
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