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TOR330 - Tor des Géants®: a trio in the lead in Valgrisenche

The first athletes of **TOR330 - Tor des Géants®** have reached the first life base in **Valgrisenche** in the afternoon, after just over 50 kilometres and 4500 metres of elevation gain. They will have to face still many more, but the initial strategy of the leading group seems to be outlined: running together.

Damian Hall, Jonas Russi, Franco Collé and **Roman Ficek** arrived shoulder to shoulder in Valgrisenche, and left after few minutes for Rhêmes-Notre-Dame and Cogne, the second life base, where they will arrive in the middle of the night. Yes, the night, the first one, the one that the almost 950 remaining will face with a mixture of curiosity and tension. Some will rest, others will take the situation head on and walk towards dawn. For sure, everyone will cool down after a **very hot day** that is putting them to the test.

The heat is precisely the leitmotif of the first impressions in Valgrisenche, with **Hall, Russi and Collé** stepping out together, followed by **Peter Kienzl, Roman Ficek, Simone Corsini, Luca Picinali, Kim Collison, Roberto Perolini and Marco Gubert**.

The women race is also respecting the initial predictions: in fact, **Silvia AinhoaTrigueros Garrote**, who arrived in Valgrisenche at 18.09 and left after 8 minutes in **11th overall place**, is in the lead. After her, **Lisa Borzani** and **Sabrin Verjee** appeared, but the Italian left 15 minutes before the British runner.

TOR450 - Tor des Glaciers: Sebastien Raichon and Marina Plavan on their own

After almost 200 kilometres, **Sebastien Raichon** is still astonishing. An immense head start, more than four and a half hours at Rifugio Dondena. Behind him still **Luca Papi** and, 10 minutes later, **Javier Puit**, running their “cautious” race as there are still little less than 100 hours to go.

Marina Plavan as well is increasing her advantage, using her experience which took her twice at the second place. The Italian arrived at Rifugio Sella at 14.36, more than one hour before **Nicky Spinks** and **Isabelle Ost**.



*Sebastien Raichon at Rifugio Dondena
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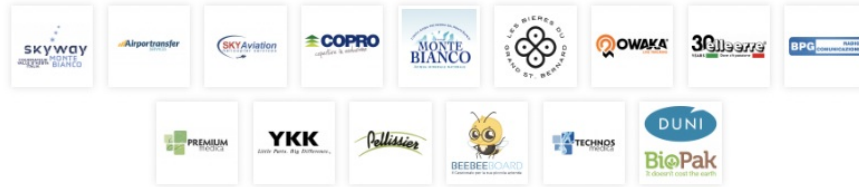
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