



THE TOR330 – TOR DE GEANTS® COMES ALIVE: AFTER THE FIRST NIGHT THERE IS ALREADY SELECTION AMONG THE FAVORITES

The challenge at Tor de Geants®, the hardest and most prestigious of the TORX® races, is on: ahead, a two-man breakaway for the Swiss Russi and the Italian Franco Collé. A number of withdrawals during the night among the top runners.

Courmayeur, September 13, 2021 – It's too early to state it for sure, but after the first night at TOR330 - Tor des Geants® there already seems to be a head-to-head between two of the favorites for the final victory: the Swiss **Jonas Russi**, reportedly in great shape, and the Italian **Franco Collé**, winner of the 2014 and 2018 editions, currently struggling with physical problems. A gap from the group that coincided with some important retirements on this first night, including American John Kelly, Canadian Reynolds Galen and Italians Giuliano Cavallo and Andrea Macchi. Among the women, the leader is the talented athlete of the Scarpa team, the Spanish **Silvia Trigueros Garrote**, followed by **Melissa Paganelli**. Retreat confirmed also for **Lisa Borzani**, who was among the favorites.

At the same time, the **TOR450 - Tor des Glaciers** is in full swing and the winner is expected to return to Courmayeur on Thursday afternoon. Side by side, since the beginning of the race, the Swiss **Jules Gabioud** and the Italian (French by adoption) **Luca Papi**. As evidence of the special spirit that distinguishes this competition, along the route they found the time to post on their social networks a selfie that portrays them together. Distanced, but an excellent third place overall and first among women, the Canadian **Stephanie Case** is keeping well at the moment.

Great expectations also for the other two appointments scheduled, starting from the **TOR130 - Tot Dret**, scheduled to start tomorrow at 9 p.m. from Gressoney-Saint-Jean. On Saturday 18th it will be the turn of **TOR30 - Passage au Malatrà**, the competition on the shortest distance that will conclude the TORX® 2021 program.

As well as on Facebook and Instagram, the website www.tordesgeants.it will offer the opportunity to follow the progress of all the races and the individual athletes thanks to an updated live tracking system.

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