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Team "Red Bull" prevails in the Lienz Dolomites

In 2016, the Red Bull Dolomitenmann once again lived up to its reputation as the toughest team relay race in the world and pushed participants to their limits for the 29th time. In the gorgeous scenery of the Dolomites, team "Red Bull" triumphed after an exciting race in Lienz. Following in 2nd and 3rd place were team "Pure Encapsulations" and team "Kleine Zeitung, Panaceo, Martini Sportswear". After several lead changes, all three teams finished only a few minutes apart. The five best teams were separated by only 15 minutes.

The toughest team relay race in the world took place for the 29th time on September 10. This year, the exciting race really packed a punch and was extremely demanding on the multi-sports teams. With optimal conditions in front of around 40,000 spectators, the athletes pushed themselves to their thresholds of pain during this competition in which each individual is only as strong as the entire team.

At precisely 10 am, Mr. Dolomitenmann himself, Werner Grissmann, gave the starting signal for the 29th Red Bull Dolomitenmann. 116 mountain runners set out from the main square in Lienz to climb 1,800 vertical meters up to the Kuhbodentorl to make the handoff to their team's paraglider. Paragliders were awaiting the runners, who gave their all on the 3 km run on the Goggsteig. With a time of 1.21:34.6, Mamu Petro from team "Kleine Zeitung, Panaceo, Martini Sportswear" was the 1st to make the handoff to teammate Lorenz Peer. Anton Palzer for team "Red Bull" followed shortly after with a time of 01:24:30.4. Andreas Goldberger from team "Wings for Life" high fived Red Bull Dolomitenmann veteran Wendelin Ortner after an impressive 01:51:10.1.

Directly after the handoff, the paragliders made their way over a steep, rocky field to the take-off point. From here, they headed towards the Moosalm, where thousands of spectators welcomed the athletes. Following a short climb, they then took off and flew to their next landing point, the Dolomiten Stadium. Awaiting the paragliders here was a thrilling backdrop of thousands of spectators enjoying not only the exciting competition but also a great entertainment program. After taking the lead by 15 seconds after a race to catch up, Red Bull X-Alps athlete Paul Guschlbauer from team "Red Bull" was the first to make the handoff to mountain biker Alban Lakata. Aaron Durogati (team "Pure Encapsulations") was the second to make the handoff to his teammate Markus Kaufmann, and in third was Peer Lorenz, who made the handoff to Kristian Hynek.

With the thunderous applause of the spectators, the mountain bikers started from Lienz's new hotspot, the Dolomiten Stadium, towards the Hochsteinkreuz. To reach this point, they had to conquer 1,500 vertical meters including sections where they had to carry their bike. Alban Lakata gained a 26 second lead in an exciting competition against Kristian Hynek. Both then made the handoff to kayakers Harald Hudetz and Manuel Filzwieser.

After a short sprint, kayakers lept from a height of 7 m into the Drava. Several difficult upstream passages pushed the athletes to their limits. Starting in 1st place, Red Bull Dolomitenmann legend Hudetz kept the lead and was the first to cross the finish line in Lienz's main square with all his equipment as his awaiting teammates excitedly rushed towards him.

For the 29th Red Bull Dolomitenmann with a time of 04:07:25.9, victory went to team "Red Bull" including

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members Toni Palzer, Paul Guschlbauer, Alban Lakata, and Harald Hudetz. Close behind with a time of 04:09:13.4 was team "Pure Encapsulations" followed by team "Kleine Zeitung, Panaceo, Martini Sportswear".

Skiing star Marcel Hirscher and his teammates Andreas Goldberger, Wendelin Ortner, and Benjamin Karl were pleased with their time of 05:40:17.0.

The 2016 Red Bull Dolomitenmann offered a thrilling race on a variety of routes that kept everyone on the edge of their seats until the very end.

Voices of the Red Bull Dolomitenmann 2016

Werner Grissmann: *"This is a huge event with around 30,000 spectators! The people are excited, and everyone is looking forward to this year's Dolomitenmann. Next year, it will be even tougher, steeper, and cooler!"*

Andi Goldberger: *"The final climb was really challenging, especially with the thin mountain air. It's so hard, but once you reach the top, it's the best feeling!"*

Marcel Hirscher: *"It's a challenge but an absolutely awesome experience. I always thought that I had strong upper arms, but that didn't help at all – I was really pushed to my limit!"*

Anton Palzer: *"I did well in the race and am excited to have come in 2nd during my part of the race. Hats off to Petro Mamu – it was fantastic what he did!"*

RESULTS (preliminary, official results at www.redbulldolomitenmann.com)

1. Red Bull (INT), 04:07:25.9
2. Pure Encapsulations (INT), 04:09:13.4
3. Kleine Zeitung Panaceo (INT), 04:11:33.1
4. Vita Life (INT), 04:17:15.0
5. Kolland Topsport International (INT), 04:18:22.5

All information for the 29th Red Bull Dolomitenmann is available at: www.redbulldolomitenmann.com.

Photos and video material are available to download in the Red Bull content pool.

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