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Marcel Hirscher strengthens Team Wings for Life at Red Bull Dolomitenmann 2016

On 10 September 2016, Austria's star skier Marcel Hirscher will be right there when the starting gun is fired for the 29th Red Bull Dolomitenmann event. The Salzburg native will be competing in the world's toughest team competition, representing Team Wings for Life on the kayaking course.

After having to withdraw from last year's race due to flu-like symptoms, Austria's most successful skier on the current World Cup circuit, Marcel Hirscher, is delighted to take part in the 29th Red Bull Dolomitenmann. The five-time overall World Cup champion will strengthen Team Wings for Life, which is also made up of Andreas Goldberger (mountain run), Wendelin Ortner (paragliding) and Benjamin Karl (mountain biking), as their representative on the wildwater kayaking leg. A native of Annaberg, Marcel feels really comfortable out on the water. In fact, wildwater kayaking is one of his favorite sports for keeping in shape during the summer, plus it's a great physical counterbalance to skiing.

Water sports are a welcome change-of-pace for this star athlete:

"It's an important part of my program all summer long and it's fantastic training for the abdominal muscles. Even so, the Red Bull Dolomitenmann in Lienz will definitely be a challenge for me." Being able to compete in the event is a dream-come-true for this skiing ace: "After all, it's the most extreme team competition I know of, and I always wanted to take part. And since last year didn't work out due to illness, I am looking forward to the upcoming weekend even more."

We will have to wait and see whether Team Wings for Life can compete with top teams such as Red Bull, Kleine Zeitung – Panaceo – Martini Sportswear, Kolland Topsport Professional, Vita Life, Goldsemmel Racing Team and Pure Encapsulations, as well as with Team Rise & Fall, whose runners and kayakers are currently among the world's best. For Marcel Hirscher, however, his focus is on the challenge and having fun. That said, Marcel is preparing for the event seriously. Together with Harald Hudetz, who has managed to win the kayaking event countless times, he has been hitting the wildwater often to pick up as many tips and tricks as possible from the Red Bull Dolomitenmann professional.

Hudetz comments about the skier's talent: "You really notice that Marcel is a super athlete. His ambition and love for detail always come out. If there was anything he couldn't do at first, he would train for hours and hours until he had it figured out. For him, there's no such thing as quitting. On the past weekend, the conditions really weren't good. It was very cold and there was almost too much water. However, after 3 hours Marcel still didn't want to stop. I was also surprised by his good technique."

Highlights of the Red Bull Dolomitenmann can be seen on 18.09. at midnight in Red Bull TV Fenster on ServusTV.

Complete information about the 29th Red Bull Dolomitenmann can be found online at www.redbulldolomitenmann.com.

Photos and video materials are available for download in the Red Bull Content Pool.

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