



Mair and Götsch conquer the Saslong World Cup Course fastest from the bottom to the top – Vertical Up

Gröden – Val Gardena – Punctually at 18:30 the starting signal was given in the finish area of the Saslong World Cup Course in Gröden for Vertical Up.

250 starters rose to the challenge to overcome the Saslong World Cup Course with a length of 3.446 meters, partly a steep angle of 60 degrees and an altitude difference of 840 height meters.

Under tough conditions, Philipp Götsch outclassed his competition from the strongly occupied speed category in a high-class race with a time of 29:23,8. With such outstanding time, he relegated his competitors Hannes Perkmann and Patrick Facchini to places two and three.

Among the female participants, Susanne Mair reached the finish line first and calls herself the winner. Verena Krenslhner-Schmid came second place, while Victoria Kreuzer came third place. Verena Kreuzer and Martin Anthamatten from the National Swiss SkiMo Team won the ski tour category. They also won the Sprint-Edition on the famous worldcup track Saslong.

Jubilant and proud, the starters from the backpack category arrived in the finish area as well. Within this category, fun and the personal challenge were the driving factors for participation. Particularly Lorenzi Pietro was joyful. He came closest to the average time of all starters and was happy to receive a great price.

Among the male participants, Philipp Götsch won the district contest; among the female participants, Annelise Felderer won this category. The team Samtal with 19 starters won the contest for the largest team and won a prize money of EUR 500,00.

The next Vertical Up tour stops are in Madonna di Campiglio-Pinzolo on 28 January 2017 and in Kitzbühel on 25 February 2017. The finale will take place in Wengen on 25 March 2017 at the legendary Lauberhorn World Cup Course. Susanne Mair and Dominik Salcher will start the next races as tour leaders.

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