



Media Release MONDRAKER ENDURO TEAM, Davos Klosters, 10th September 2023

MONDRAKER ENDURO TEAM in Davos: 170 Mountain Bike Teams celebrate Trails, Mountains, Sun and Community

From 7 to 9 September 2023, the international enduro mountain bike scene met in Davos Klosters, Switzerland, already for the seventh time for MONDRAKER ENDURO TEAM, a race for teams with high fun factor. In pure sunshine and with impressive mountain panoramas, the 450 participants in 170 teams enjoyed the alpine racing adventure on the first-class trails around the destination of Davos Klosters and experienced the extraordinary camaraderie of the international mountain bike community. The second edition of the Kids Race for teams of two with around 40 children was once again a highlight. www.enduro-team.ch/en

Four days of pure sunshine, first-class trails and best mountain panoramas – the international field of participants was once again thrilled by the event and the Davos Klosters region. About half of the riders took part in MONDRAKER ENDURO TEAM for at least the second time, about a third even for at least the third time. “We even have riders who have been here every year, so this time it’s their seventh participation,” says organiser Britta Wild from the Bike Academy Davos. “This extremely loyal field of participants and the many returnees are the best compliment we can get as organisers.” But even rookies were excited. David from Spain enthusiastically: “The trails here are simply magical, an absolute blast! Plus this alpine backdrop, the great atmosphere and a perfect organisation with a lot of passion! I’ll definitely be back! I’d love to reserve a starting place for the next 10 years!”

“Like a family or class reunion!”

450 participants from 16 nations, divided into some 170 teams, rode 14 stages, i.e. measured sections, on their bikes over the past three days. On the transfers in between, often supported by mountain railways, the clock was stopped and the riders had time to enjoy the impressive alpine scenery of the Grisons mountains and to chat with participants from other countries. Many have known and seen each other here for years: “It’s like an annual family or class reunion,” a rider taking part every year confirms the special spirit.

A lot of new winning teams

As there were very few favourites and previous podium teams at the start this time, there was plenty of room for new winners. In the Men's category, Luca Jenni and Mike Schuler, Team Specialized - Giant Collective, took advantage of the moment to race to the front with 1h 26min 19sec. Second place went to AK Elektro Racing Team - Whyte Bikes with Patrice Fuchs and Andreas Kolp, more than 4 minutes behind, just ahead of Team DRIFT Bike Shop with Michael Schärer and Patrick Blatter in third place.

A new team also won the Women's category: Melanie Zehnder and Andrea Richiger from Central Switzerland, riding as team Gratis Ürnerpastetä fir alli, who came second last year, won with 1h 55min 34sec. Second place went to the Megaladies 2, Andrea Grossenbacher and Yvonne Fritschi. Third place was taken by the Senderellas with Graziella Fichaux and Martina Kessler.

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In the Mixed category, the team zämä äs guäts Wucheänd ha with Andrea and Stefan Kiser took the victory, ahead of Ilona Tillmann and Sascha Kobler and team Los Pablitos with Angela Gisler and Damian Furrer.

In the 77+ category, many previous top teams were again starting this time and fought an exciting race. This time, the victory went to the Old Brothers Lukas Wallimann and Iwan Arnold, ahead of team No. 8 with Alois von Wurstemberger and Gian Malär. Third place went to last year's winners, team 19Hunderfrücher, with Dominik Betschart and Heinz Hostettler.

In the FUN TEAMS category, which has been held for the fourth time, Team Cabrones took the victory, ahead of team The Big Beer Theory and the Germans Der Zug hat keine Bremse.

Despite the sometimes tough fights on the track, everyone agrees: winning is secondary at this fun team event – because the main prize simply is a big grin on everyone's face. And this time, too, they all got it.

Successful second edition of Kids Race: children's teams beaming

The absolutely unique Team Enduro Race for children took place for the second time this year. This time it was expanded and held on Sunday after the adults' race. It was once again a great highlight. The nearly 40 children aged between 8 and 15 not only raced on the bike, but also competed in beaming. The younger kids had three instead of two stages at Jakobshorn, the older rode four stages, two of them in the Meierhoftäli via Parsenbahn. Riding in a team was a unique and enriching experience for the youngsters, and they showed a lot of sportsmanship. "Youth development is an affair of the heart for us, and the beaming faces are our reward for the efforts", organiser Britta Wild says. "The kids' teams of today are the FUN teams of tomorrow!" In bright sunshine and best mood, the winning teams, but also all the others, received their prize from Endura. "Because", Britta Wild says, "at ENDURO TEAM for Kids, there are only winners for us!" The ENDURO TEAM for Kids rankings are available here:

<https://timing.sportident.com/en/results/2023/enduro-team-for-kids>

Volunteers – the soul of the event

Once again it was a fantastic mountain bike festival! The biggest thanks go to the 60 volunteers, without whom the race could not be held. "They are the soul of our event and well known in the community", explains race director Michi Wild from the Bike Academy Davos. "We are a very well-coordinated team! Many of them take a week's holiday every year to volunteer here. That's far beyond of what we can expect and just something very nice!", Michi Wild is pleased to say. "The mountain railways Davos Klosters Mountains, who actually make the event possible thanks to their dense transport network, have also supported us great again!"

8th edition: 5 to 7 September 2024

The eighth edition of MONDRAKER ENDURO TEAM, the established fun race for experienced mountain bikers in Davos Klosters, will take place from 5 to 7 September 2024. The date of the registration opening will be communicated as soon as possible on the channels of MONDRAKER ENDURO TEAM.



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Rankings 2023

All rankings for MONDRAKER ENDURO TEAM in Davos 2023 can be found here:

<https://timing.sportident.com/en/results/2023/mondraker-enduro-team>

Images and video, media information

High-resolution **images** of MONDRAKER ENDURO TEAM and the kids race in Davos for editorial use can be downloaded here:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/7okmflgpndd71l8/AAA-dONn_C4ewFcXkL8Fsi2oa?dl=0

Please note the image description and the photo credits in the file name.

The **2023 event video** is available at the same Dropbox link or on YouTube at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM07wUBgUNb35kpwbIlg2hSQ>.

Daily videos are also available.

Previous **media releases** on MONDRAKER ENDURO TEAM in Davos, as well as a **factsheet**, can be found at <https://enduro-team.ch/en/medien>.

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About MONDRAKER ENDURO TEAM

The MONDRAKER ENDURO TEAM mountain bike fun race in Davos Klosters, Switzerland, will take place for the seventh time from 7th to 9th September 2023. 450 participants race in teams of two and fun teams of 3 to 6 persons. From now, e-bikes will also be allowed in the fun teams. In addition, the kids race for teams of two will take place for the second time on 10th September 2023. The focus of the event lies on the first-class trails of the Davos Klosters region and on the camaraderie within the international mountain bike community. Mondraker joined as title sponsor in 2019. MONDRAKER ENDURO TEAM is an independent mountain bike event, organized by the local association Bike Events Davos in collaboration with the Bike Academy.

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