French Runners dominate the Mont-Blanc 90km

Victories for Théo DETIENNE and Blandine L'HIRONDEL

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The Mont-Blanc Marathon weekend officially began this Friday in Chamonix, with over **10,000 runners** expected to take part in **eight races** spanning three days. At **4:00 a.m.**, under a starry sky and in exceptional conditions, the first and most demanding race got underway: the 90km du Mont-Blanc.

A total of 886 men and 125 women took to the start line at Place du Triangle de l'Amitié, headlamps on and determination shining through, ready to tackle a 92 km course with 6,330 meters of elevation gain and loss, ranging between 1,000 and 2,460 meters in altitude. Despite a few remaining snow patches and heat nearing 30°C in the valley, runners were treated to spectacular mountain views throughout the day.

New for 2025: **40% of bibs were allocated to runners who arrived by train or bus**, an eco-conscious initiative that enabled **400 participants**—many of them tackling this challenging race for the first time—to join the adventure.

This 2025 edition saw a stunning French double victory. **Théo Detienne and Blandine L'Hirondel** delivered outstanding performances in a race that proved as breathtaking as the landscape.





Men's Race - A Tactical Climb to Glory

The men's race began at a fast pace, with Switzerland's Jean-Philippe Tschumi and France's Thibaut Garrivier leading the pack. Théo Detienne, running strategically, stayed within the lead group before launching his attack at the Émosson Dam, where he began overtaking rivals one by one.

At the Tête de Balme, Detienne seized the lead and never relinquished it, crossing the finish line solo in 10:54:13. Behind him, Virgile Moriset made a remarkable comeback to claim second place, while Tschumi secured third after a thrilling sprint finish ahead of Gauthier Airriau.

Podium Quotes - Men's Race:

Théo Detienne (FRA) - 1st place

"Running with your head—it really works! I trained hard and everything came together. My first win in Chamonix... it's just incredible, and I promise it won't be the last! The crowd and the livestream viewers gave me such energy—I had to give it my all until the very end."

Virgile Moriset (FRA) - 2nd place

"Climbing is definitely my strong suit. I still need to work on my downhill technique. My legs and poles carried me today—I'll be back to fight for a win next year!"

Jean-Philippe Tschumi (SUI) - 3rd place

"A huge thank you to the organizers. I was able to train here for three weeks before the race. What a course, what an atmosphere! This was my first time running here, and the support along the route was just amazing."

Top 3 – Men's Results

- 1. Théo Detienne (FRA) 10:54:13
- 2. Virgile Moriset (FRA) 10:59:11
- 3. Jean-Philippe Tschumi (SUI) 11:01:12

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Women's Race - Blandine L'Hirondel's Triumphant Return

Right from the start, Blandine L'Hirondel set a relentless pace. Engaged in a tight duel with Russia's Ekaterina Mityaeva until Le Châtelard, she gradually pulled away, building a commanding lead and crossing the finish line nearly 30 minutes ahead of her competitors, overwhelmed with emotion.

Julie Roux battled for second place throughout the course and managed to secure it after the Col des Posettes. Ekaterina Mityaeva completed the podium in third.

Podium Quotes - Women's Race:

Blandine L'Hirondel (FRA) – 1st place

"I had doubts, and those close to me know it. The past few seasons haven't lived up to my early career. Minor injuries kept me from reaching full form, and just two weeks ago I wasn't even sure I'd start.

But today, I found the joy again. I stayed in my bubble, trusted my sensations, and felt incredible. Thank you to everyone cheering on-site and online—it means the world!"

Top 3 - Women's Results

- 1. Blandine L'Hirondel (FRA) 12:31:51
- 2. Julie Roux (FRA) 12:57:22
- 3. Ekaterina Mityaeva (RUS) 13:03:16

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What's Next - Marathon of the Mont-Blanc Program

Thursday 26 to Saturday 29 June

Trail Camp Expo and Bib Pick-Up

Friday, June 27

• Vertical Kilometer – Start: 4:00 p.m. – Place du Triangle de l'Amitié

Saturday, June 28

- 23km du Mont-Blanc Start: 8:00 a.m. Aire des Parapentes
- 10km du Mont-Blanc Start: 10:30 a.m. Aire des Parapentes
- Mini Cross Start: 2:00 p.m. Aire des Parapentes
- Young Race Marathon Start: 3:00 p.m. Place du Triangle de l'Amitié
- Duo Étoilé Start: 7:30 p.m. Place du Triangle de l'Amitié

Sunday, June 29

- 42km du Mont-Blanc
- Elite Women Start: 6:45 a.m.
- Elite Men & General Start: 7:15 a.m.

All starts from Place du Triangle de l'Amitié

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