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The Young Race: a new generation takes the Spotlight at the Mont-Blanc Marathon

10 km & Mini Cross

Mont-Blanc Marathon 2025

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The Young Race, where Trail Legends are born



Becoming the proving ground for the next global trail running stars: that is the mission of **THE YOUNG RACE** at the Mont-Blanc Marathon. On a course as selective as it is

spectacular, young athletes delivered a masterclass in grit, commitment, and future promise. Two race formats were offered: a 7 km (650 m D+/-) technical and aerial route for U18 runners, and a more demanding 13 km trail (1200 m D+/- leading up to Plan de l'Aiguille) for U20 athletes. At stake: two professional contracts with **New Balance**, the event's new title sponsor.

U20: A Showdown at Altitude with a Thrilling Finish

Men's Recap

On a terrain mixing rocky slabs, steep ascents and technical descents, the competition was fierce among the top young runners.

Sam Bouvier (Caen Athletic Club) set a blistering pace early on, but was eventually reeled in near the aid station by **Oscar Jugnet** (Jogging Club de Verranne, also home to Baptiste Chassagne). Jugnet took the lead just before the long final descent.

"I caught up with Sam right at the aid station and told him to stick with me... I thought he was following, turns out, it was the cameraman!" said Oscar with a smile.

His lead didn't last. After three falls and a growing mental fatigue, Oscar was overtaken by **Eloy Martinez Faro**, who surged downhill "like a cannonball," blazing past him on a root-laced singletrack.

"He was flying! I had nothing left in my legs to catch him, even on the flats, which are usually my strength," Oscar added.

At 20, with no sponsor and racing for the first time outside Portugal and Spain, **Eloy Martinez Faro** clinched an outstanding victory in **1h35'39"**.

"I have no secret. I run a lot, I train hard, and I know I'm great on downhills, that's where I make the difference. I managed my effort early on so I could go all in on the final descent."

Oscar Jugnet finished second in **1h35'56"**, followed by Sam Bouvier in **1h37'35"**. A high-caliber podium where downhill technique and tactical clarity proved decisive.

Women's Recap

Amelie Lane led from start to finish, winning in **2h10'28"** with a blend of poise and resilience. Her youthful face adorned with star-shaped gold hair clips, she had one goal in mind: control the race from A to Z.

"I felt good at the start of the descent, even though it's not my strength, I passed a few guys. But then I fell, had trouble breathing, and the end was mentally really tough."

Her win was built with composure, grit, and exceptional determination.

U20 Results Men:

1. Eloy MARTINEZ FARO (ESP) - **1h35'39"** – FGA
2. Oscar JUGNET (FRA) - **1h35'56"** - Jogging Club Verrane
3. Sam BOUVIER (FRA) - **1h37'35"** - Caen Athletic Club

U20 Results Women:

1. Amelie LANE (ENG) - **2h10'28"**
2. Chloé MISSILLIER (FRA) - **2h21'04"**
3. Mélia RENEUVE (FRA) - **2h21'58"** - Athletic Club Font-Romeu



At the finish line, two coveted New Balance Team contracts were awarded to today's champions: Amelie Lane and Eloy Martinez Faro!



U18: A generation already in top form

The shorter, but equally technical U18 route offered a stunning playground for emerging talents.

Men's Race

Lopez Serra Gerard (Spain) took the win in **43'06"**, ahead of French runner **Tinoe Vanpe** (**44'24"**) and Norway's **Kristian Skjeflo Unhjem** (**46'05"**). With both physical dominance and an effortless stride, the Spanish runner crossed the line with an air of quiet power.

Women's Race

Lylou Patty, from nearby Albertville, impressed with her fluidity and relaxed style—even on the brutal final descent. She crossed the line in **59'05"**, flashing a broad smile. She was followed by fellow French runners **Clarisse Manivoz** (**1h04'40"**) and **Gabrielle Poitevin** (**1h05'54"**).

U18 Results Men:

1. Lopez Serra GERARD (ESP) - **43'06"**
2. Tinoe VANPE (FRA) - **44'24"**
3. Kristian Skjeflo UNHJEM (NOR) - **46'05"**

U18 Results Women:

1. Lylou PATTY (FRA) - **59'05"**
2. Clarisse MANIVOZ (FRA) - **1h04'40"**
3. Gabrielle POITEVIN (FRA) - **1h05'54"**

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10 km du Mont-Blanc: short but fierce



A total of 2,000 runners took the start this morning from the Paragliding Zone for one of the weekend's shortest yet toughest races. Under a blazing sun and oppressive heat, every step was a test of physical and mental resilience.

Romain Champenois and **Jason Giraud** ran neck and neck from the gun, with Champenois ultimately edging ahead by 32 seconds. **David Labrosse** rounded out an all-French podium.

In the women's race, 20-year-old **Sofia Chételat** claimed victory in **46'19"**, ahead of **Élodie Alexandre** (France) and **Isabelle Oblom Delattre** (Sweden).

10 km Results Men:

1. Romain CHAMPENOIS - **39'05"**
2. Jason GIRAUD - **39'37"**
3. Jean-Pierre ANÉ - **40'59"**

10 km Results Women:

1. Sofia CHÉTELAT - **46'20"**
2. Élodie ALEXANDRE - **47'04"**
3. Isabelle OBLON DELATTRE - **47'39"**

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Mini Cross: budding talents in action

More than 700 children lined up this year for the **Mini Cross**, the Mont-Blanc Marathon's event dedicated to the youngest runners. With three distances: 800 m, 2 km, and 3 km young champions-in-the-making darted through the shade (somewhat!) of the Bouchet Forest after starting from the Paragliding Zone.

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