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HOKA UTMB Mont-Blanc 2025 A thrilling finish to the CCC – now all eyes turn to the UTMB



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This morning at 09:00 in Courmayeur, Italy, **1,900 runners** set off on the CCC®, to tackle its **101km and 6,050m of elevation gain**. First held in 2006 and known as the 'UTMB's little sister', the CCC is one of the three UTMB® World Series Finals in the 100K category. With an exceptionally strong elite field, this year's edition delivered on every promise, producing a gripping race and dramatic twists in the women's contest.

CCC 2025 delivers high drama and suspense

A battle decided in the final kilometres

The women's race proved one of the most hotly contested of the **HOKA UTMB Mont-Blanc Finals**, with the podium decided in the **last 10km**. **Martina Mlynarczyk (POL, UTMB Index 770)**, who had led consistently throughout, came under **fierce pressure** from **Sylvia Nordskar (NOR, UTMB Index 779)**. After a series of spectacular lead changes on the descent from **La Flegère**, **Mlynarczyk** held on to take victory in **11:41:55 – the second-fastest time in CCC history** – finishing just **18 seconds** ahead of **Nordskar (11:42:13)**. **Anna Tarasova (ESP, UTMB Index 786)** claimed third in **11:44:18**, securing an **all-European podium**. **Blandine L'Hirondel (FRA, UTMB Index 789)**, who had run in second place for much of the race, crossed the line in **fourth**.



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A punishing day for the favourites

Both of the previous two title-holders were forced to abandon. **Toni McCann (ZAF, UTMB Index 803)**, winner of the OCC in 2023 and the CCC in 2024, saw her race end prematurely while holding a provisional podium spot. A heavy fall shortly after **La Fouly (km 40)** left her with injuries to her knee and right hip. Though she attempted to continue, she was forced to withdraw at the next aid station in **Champex-Lac (km 54)**, ending her unbeaten run at HOKA UTMB Mont-Blanc.

Yngvild Kaspersen (NOR, UTMB Index 800), the 2023 champion, was also unable to finish after twisting her ankle in the opening kilometres. She reached **La Fouly (km 40)** in the lead before being forced to stop.

Puppi unstoppable: Italian glory on Mont Blanc trails

In the men's race, **Francesco Puppi (ITA, UTMB Index 932)** confirmed his billing as pre-race favourite by becoming the **first Italian to win the CCC**. Against world-class competition, he led from start to finish, crossing the line in **10:06:02** – the second-fastest time in race history. He finished seven minutes clear of **David Sinclair (USA, UTMB Index 916, 10:13:42)** and 10 minutes ahead of **Drew Holmen (USA, UTMB Index 879, 10:16:15)**. France's **Arnaud Bonin (UTMB Index 867)**, who briefly held third place, crossed the line **fourth** in **10:26:03** – a performance all the more impressive as it marked a substantial improvement on his 2024 time of 11:12:39.



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When determination defies limits: Team Adaptive makes history on the CCC 2025

The race also **marked a milestone** for **Team Adaptive**. **Jonathan Naboulet**, a tetraplegic athlete, **became the first to complete the CCC® in a joliette**. Accompanied by a rotating support team of **35** over the **101km course**, his achievement stands as a powerful demonstration of human resilience and solidarity. Alongside him, tibial amputees **Julien Veyesseyre** and **Travis Warwick-Oliver** also etched their names into this edition with equally unforgettable performances defined by **exceptional courage and determination**.



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Peace, unity, and trail spirit mark the opening of UTMB 2025



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The Poletti family, founders of the event in 2003, gave an inspiring and unifying speech that set the tone for this exceptional edition. The UTMB® got underway at 17:45 on Friday evening as Vangelis's iconic *Conquest of Paradise* filled the streets of Chamonix.

A total of **2,300 runners** set out on the ultimate challenge: the legendary **174km loop around Mont Blanc with 10,000m of elevation gain**. The race promises drama to the very end, with three **UTMB Legends** in the field: **François D'Haene (FRA, UTMB Index 865)**, a four-time winner returning after four years away; **Courtney Dauwalter (USA, UTMB Index 843)**, a triple champion and global ultra-trail icon; and **Ludovic Pommeret (FRA, UTMB Index 896)**, the tireless 50-year-old Savoyard and 2016 champion, always ready to spring a surprise.

They are joined by a stellar cast: in the men's field **Jonathan Albon (GBR, UTMB Index 926)**, **Tom Evans (GBR, UTMB Index 910)**, **Ben Dhimann (USA, UTMB Index 904)**, **Ji Duo (CHN, UTMB Index 906)**, **Hayden Hawks (USA, UTMB Index 913)**, among others.

The women's line-up is no less formidable, with **Ruth Croft (NZL, UTMB Index 796)**, **Abby Hall (USA, UTMB Index 789)**, **Emily Hawgood (ZWE, UTMB Index 769)**, **Camille Bruyas (FRA, UTMB Index 755)**, **Heather Jackson (USA, UTMB Index 767)** and **Katharina Hartmuth (GER, UTMB Index 762)**.

Notably, both **Ruth Croft** and **Jonathan Albon** could **make history by achieving the UTMB World Series treble** – winning the **OCC, CCC and UTMB** – should they triumph tomorrow.

[SEE THE ELITE START LISTS](#)

RESULTS OF THE DAY

CCC 2025 results

Top 3 Women

1. **Martina MLYNARCZYK** (POL, UTMB Index 770) – 11:41:55
2. **Sylvia NORDESKAR** (NOR, UTMB Index 779) – 11:42:13
3. **Anna TARASOVA** (ESP, UTMB Index 786) – 11:44:18

Top 3 Men

1. **Francesco PUPPI** (ITA, UTMB Index 932) – 10:06:02
2. **David SINCLAIR** (USA, UTMB Index 916) – 10:13:42
3. **Drew HOLMEN** (USA, UTMB Index 879) – 10:16:15



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[FULL RESULTS OF THE DAY](#)

WHERE AND HOW TO FOLLOW THE HOKA UTMB MONT-BLANC 2025

From 25–31 August, the Mont-Blanc Valley will be the stage for an exceptional week of trail running, where fans and newcomers alike can follow – free of charge – the exploits of elite athletes and hundreds of runners pushing their limits. Whether in Chamonix or following remotely, everyone can experience the intensity of the races, the beauty of the Alpine landscapes, and the unique atmosphere of the event through live coverage and on-site activities.

- **Live:** from Thursday 28 August, 09:45 (CEST) – expect more than 70 hours of **UTMB Live streaming** (<https://www.utmb.world>), with the OCC, CCC and UTMB finals broadcast in five languages, featuring expert commentary and spectacular footage (drones, on-board cameras, LiveCam).
- **Online & social media:** follow [real-time rankings](#), LiveTrail stats, interviews, behind-the-scenes insights, and highlights shared across the official [HOKA UTMB Mont-Blanc](#) and [UTMB World Series](#) platforms.
- **On-site:** soak up the unique Chamonix atmosphere with the [Fan Experience](#) at the heart of the Ultra-Trail Village (talk shows, entertainment, watch parties, athlete meet-ups), alongside festive activities throughout the valley and host villages.

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About UTMB® World Series

The UTMB® World Series is the trail running circuit that brings together the best athletes in the sport and amateur runners in top international events held in some of the most beautiful places on the planet. The UTMB® World Series is rooted in a passion for the mountains and respect for the environment and offers trail running enthusiasts the chance to experience the UTMB® adventure across the globe, with events taking place in Asia, Oceania, Europe, Africa and the Americas. This is the way for everyone to start their quest towards the HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc, where the UTMB® World Series finals take place. Launched in May 2021 with the collaboration of UTMB Group and The IRONMAN Group, the UTMB® World Series circuit brings together 50 events in 28 countries. For more information, visit <https://utmb.world>.

About UTMB Group

Since the creation of HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc in 2003 by a group of passionate friends, UTMB Group has been the driving force behind the development of trail running. The HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc is the sports pinnacle event, and every year, 10,000 runners earn their place on the start line. UTMB Group also pioneered the LiveTrail® technology, an innovative digital service that supports the management of endurance races. Revered by hundreds of thousands of athletes, UTMB® has become a global premium and leading brand. In May 2021, UTMB Group partnered with The IRONMAN Group to launch the UTMB® World Series, which brings together many of the best international events on the planet to provide exclusive access to the sport's pinnacle event, HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc. The UTMB® World Series is built on the founding principles of HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc: surpassing oneself; fair-play; respect for people and the environment; and solidarity. Find out more at <https://utmb.world>.

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