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HOKA UTMB Mont-Blanc 2025 UTMB 2025: Tom Evans and Ruth Croft crowned champions after a memorable edition marked by challenging weather conditions

After an emotionally charged and exciting start for the **2,300 runners** of the **22nd edition of the UTMB®**, the adventure continued at full pace this Saturday in Chamonix, in a vibrant atmosphere. While the men's and women's winners had already crossed the finish line after **172 km** and **9,600 m** of elevation gain around the Mont-Blanc massif, thousands of amateurs were still pursuing their journey on the trails, inspired by the brilliant victories of Tom Evans and Ruth Croft.

Participants in the 2025 edition of the flagship race set off yesterday, facing demanding racing conditions. Capricious weather forced the organizers to neutralize the crossing of the Pyramides Calcaires, the highest point of the course, to ensure the safety of all runners. Despite the bad weather, the 2025 edition will be remembered as one of the most intense in history, with an ever-loyal public cheering along the route.



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Tom Evans, the triumph of a champion

After finishing **3rd in 2022** and suffering **two consecutive DNFs** in 2023 and 2024, **Tom Evans (GBR, UTMB Index 910)** finally delivered. Lying in wait during the first part of the course, Evans chose his moment carefully.

On the climb to Grand Cal Ferret, the Brit made a decisive surge, leaving his rivals behind. Mastering his effort, he calmly managed to widen the gap, growing his lead: **from 23 minutes** at Les Tseppes and **29 minutes** at Vallorcine. Fueled by his consistency and prowess on the descents, he crossed the finish line in Chamonix in **19:18:56**, claiming one of the greatest victories of his career. He also became the **first British male winner in UTMB history**.



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"It was the most incredible race possible. I think in the end we were blessed with this very British weather... Snow, rain, a bit of warmth at the end—we had a little bit of everything. It was a truly spectacular day where the mountains test you with everything they have, and they always win," said Tom Evans at the finish.

Ben Dhiman (USA, UTMB Index 904), consistent throughout the race, crossed the line as a solid runner-up, 32 minutes later, with a final time of 19:51:37. He delivered a strong performance, as he held off all challengers, finishing ahead of **Josh Wade (GBR, UTMB Index 866)**, who staged an incredible comeback in the second half of the race. Wade completed the podium in **20:05:06**.

On the French side, **three runners** made it into the **Top 10**. **Thibaut Garrivier (UTMB Index 887)** finished 5th (**20:20:25**), followed by **Ludovic Pommeret (UTMB Index 895)** in 6th place (**20:40:34**), who at 50 years old once again completed his Mont-Blanc loop in the Top 10 to arriving to clamorous cheers. **Yannick Noël (UTMB Index 880)** placed 7th.

Chinese athletes also made their mark with three in the Top 10, led by the highly anticipated **Ji Duo (CHN, UTMB Index 906)** in 4th place. **Jiasheng Shen (CHN, UTMB Index 894)** finished 8th, and **Jiaju Zhao (CHN, UTMB Index 896)** came in 10th, a historic achievement.

Notable withdrawals among the men included four-time winner **François D'Haene (FRA, UTMB Index 865)**, who complained of right hip pain during the night; **Jonathan Albon (GBR, UTMB Index 926)**, who retired at Champex-Lac aid station (km 128); and **Théo Defienne (FRA, UTMB Index 877)**, leading much of the first half of the race in his first 100-mile experience.

Ruth Croft, first woman to win all 3 UTMB World Series Finals



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On the women's side, **Ruth Croft (NZL, UTMB Index 796)** claimed a commanding victory in 22:56:23, becoming the **first New Zealander to win the UTMB**. The kiwi also made history at the HOKA UTMB Mont-Blanc by becoming the **first woman to win all three UTMB World Series Finals**, following her victories at the **CCC®** in 2015 and the **OCC** in 2018 and 2019. Until now, only **Xavier Thévenard** had accomplished this feat.

Camille Bruyas (FRA, UTMB Index 755) delivered an exceptional performance, taking 2nd place in 23:28:48, cheered on by the Chamonix crowd. **Katharina Hartmuth (GER, UTMB Index 762)** completed the podium in 24:16:39.

"When I entered the CCC in 2015, ten years ago, I didn't expect to experience such an adventure. To make history by winning the three series finals wasn't the goal at first—it's the cherry on top. [...] This year, I knew that if I wanted to win, I had to start fast. Once night and cold arrived, it was just a matter of survival until dawn. At daybreak, I could push again. I'm very happy with this victory," said Ruth Croft after her triumph.

A decisive morning

The women's race offered plenty of drama until the final kilometers. Three-time defending champion and highly awaited **Courtney Dauwalter (USA, UTMB Index 843)**, true to her relaxed style and smile, led until Arnouvaz, followed by **Camille Bruyas** and **Ruth Croft**.

Gradually, the trio pulled ahead, creating a gap that seemed decisive. During the night, with gaps stabilized, **Ruth Croft** overtook her competitors upstream of **Champex-Lac (km 128)**. The New Zealander never looked back. **Courtney Dauwalter** struggled at dawn and ultimately lost her 3rd place to **Katharina Hartmuth** after Vallorcine, finishing **10th** after a tough day in which she could not regain momentum.

Team Adaptive and everyday heroes

UTMB is not just about performance; it's above all a human adventure, where every runner writes their own story. This year, once again, many faces exemplified the resilience and collective strength that define the event.

Team Adaptive made a strong impression throughout the week and today. **Two adaptive athletes** took the start of the 2025 flagship race: **Yanis Debaud**, paralyzed in the right foot, and **Fanny Barbara**, running with only one lung. They were determined to complete their journey and cross the finish line.

As Chamonix celebrated the first finishers, **thousands of amateur runners** were preparing for their **second night around Mont-Blanc**, holding on to **volunteers' encouragement** and **spectators' cheers**. Every step toward the finish line is an intimate victory, a story of courage that resonates as strongly as the podiums.

UTMB 2025 Results

Top 3 Women

- **Ruth CROFT** (NZL, UTMB Index 845) – 22:56:23
- **Camille BRUYAS** (FRA, UTMB Index 755) – 23:28:48
- **Katharina HARTMUTH** (USA, UTMB Index 762) – 24:16:39

Top 3 Men

- **Tom EVANS** (GBR, UTMB Index 928) – 19:18:56
- **Ben DHIMAN** (USA, UTMB Index 914) – 19:51:37
- **Josh WADE** (GBR, UTMB Index 905) – 20:05:06

FULL RESULTS OF THE DAY

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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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