



Despite it all the FONT BLANCA 2016 stays on programme

Kilian Jornet and Emelie Forsberg winners of the event under very bad weather conditions

The Individual race of the Font Blanca 2016 (FB'16), the first event of the Ski Mountaineering World Cup and valid for the Andorran Cup of Ski Mountaineering, had as great winners, in the Senior category, Killian Jornet (males) and Emelie Forsberg (females). It is the second consecutive win for the Catalan skier in Arcalis.

It is worth mentioning the outstanding participation of the Andorran team who manage to place Inka Belles on the podium of the Female Senior Espoir category.

This first day of the FB'16 had a very problematic beginning, which was only overcome thanks to very quick reactions in the face of adversity on the part of the organizers (Andorran Mountaineering Federation - FAM). During the day before the beginning of the competition, the weather

took a 360° turn, snow and wind forced the members of the FAM to establish a new course in record time.

At the end of the event, the participants and, in general, everyone present on the slopes congratulated the organizers for their efforts.

ISMF WORLD CUP Senior males.

The fans most anticipated event had a surprising beginning, the favourite competitor was having trouble keeping up with the pace of Italian skier Michele Boscacci.

As the event unfolded, the situation went back to its expected normal progression. Killian Jornet kept getting closer to Boscacci and Jacquemoud

until, on the finish line, Jornet was declared winner of the event with a clear advantage in front of the Italian skier. The French specialist, who is back in the ISMF world cup this year, was also taken aback by Swiss skier Werner Marti.

Jornet finished the course in 1h23'48"415. Boscacci crossed the finish line 10"835 later, whilst Marti took 1'02"242 more than the winner.

Before climbing the final podium of the race Killian Jornet explained his run in the Font Blanca 2016: ***On the first lap I had trouble with the wax and the skis weren't sliding as I wanted them to. After a while the situation changed. I think I'm in good shape at the beginning of this season. As far as the change in the course goes***, Jornet said the following to the organizers: ***There's no doubt that they are not lucky. The days before the competition, the weather is perfect and just when it matters for the event everything goes pear shaped.***

ISMF WORLD CUP Senior females.

In this category, the surprise was complete. The expectation was that the French skier Laettita Roux would continue dominating the competition

as she did last year. As it turned out it was the Swedish skier Emelie Forsberg who set the pace for the rest of the participants.

On the finish line, Forsberg (1h43'15"085) won over the Spanish skiers Claudia Galicia (+19"995) and Laura Orgue (+57"796).

Forsberg was very pleased with the win, this is what she had to say: ***I really enjoyed the race. It was very fast and the level of my rivals was very high. It was a hard earned victory.***

The winners of the category Senior Espoir were Anton Palzer (GER) in the males, whilst amongst the females it was Alba de Silvestro (ITA) with Andorran skier Inka Belles on the final podium.

The junior category was dominated by Samuel Equy (FRA) and Giulia Compagnoni (ITA).

Tomorrow (17th January) is the second race of the Ski Mountaineering World Cup in Vallnord. This time the specialists of Vertical will have their opportunity to fight with a greater chance to claim the victory. The weather? It would seem as though it will be more favorable.

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