

38th Foulee Blanche

Gel Interim Rossignol and Haute-Savoie Nordic monopolise the podiums and more than a thousand spectators enjoy the fresh Autrans snow!

They've done it! The 38th Foulee Blanche took place, against all odds and despite the pessimistic predictions at the beginning of the winter! And what a success; the organisers transported thousands of participants over four days from Autrans to the Gève plateau fallback location without a hitch. Offering good skiing conditions to everyone was a daunting task, but the mission was accomplished. The smiles and gratitude from all participants is ample reward for the weeks of effort put in by the entire organizing committee and community services of Autrans. This 38th edition has been a great victory for everyone!

Victories for Jean-Marc Gaillard and Aurélie Dabudyk in the 42km!

The queen event started at 10:00. At 11:16 the Frenchman Jean-Marc Gaillard racing for Haute-Savoie Nordic (French Nordic Ski Team member, Olympic bronze at Sochi and at the World Championships in Falun 2015) and the Swiss Toni Livers from Team Gel Interim Rossignol (5th in the team relay at the last World Championships) appeared neck and neck with 500 metres to go and provided a battle royal all the way to the line. Jean-Marc Gaillard crossed the line 3/10ths of a second in front of Toni Livers and 11 seconds ahead of Ivan Perrillat-Boiteux (Haute-Savoie Nordic), who is also a member of the French team and a Sochi medallist. The much awaited Benoit Chauvet (Foulee Blanche winner 2011 and double winner of the Transjurassienne) and Petr Novak, the Czech winner of the 2015 FIS Worldloppet Cup, finished 10th and 20th respectively. The Italian double Olympic champion Giorgio di Centa placed 9th just behind his compatriot Alan Martinelli.



The French skier Aurélie Dabudyk (Haute-Savoie Nordic), wearing the red world cup long distance leader's bib, won the ladies' event in 1h 26' and 7 seconds. She finished 3' 31" in front of another French skier, Elisa Brocard and the Swiss competitor Rahel Imoberdorf, who finished 4'36" down. The Czech skier Klara Moravciva, finished at the foot of the podium.

A successful debut for the Foulee Blanche's entry onto the international long distance circuit!

The results of all today's events can be found at www.lafouleeblanche.com

Despite the specific difficulties of holding this edition at Gève, the Foulee Blanche has welcomed over 4000 participants this week.

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