

Press release of the 6th July 2008

6th UCI Marathon WCH and 14th Suedtirol Dolomiti Superbike in Niederdorf/Villabassa (Suedtirol/Alto Adige -Italy)

Positive Review

The 6th UCI Marathon World Championships and the 14th Suedtirol Dolomiti Superbike in Niederdorf/Villabassa will definitely go down in sports history. In the last two years the organizers and the chief of OC Kurt Ploner arranged their long distance race in the course of the UCI Marathon World Cup and because of all the effort they put into it, the organisation of the Marathon WCH 2008 was assigned to them as well. The five boroughs of Hochpustertal/Alta Pusteria, namely Niederdorf/Villabassa, Prags/Braies, Toblach/Dobbiaco, Sexten/Sesto and Innichen/San Candido with all their numerous volunteers did their job very well and at the weekend they harvested a lot of compliments by the International Cyclist Union UCI. The latter awarded the organizers with a trophy. "Both days were a full success. However there is a lot of work and energy behind all this. At this point I would like to forward the congratulations targeted at all the 600 volunteers and thus thank them very much for their help," said Kurt Ploner.

More than 3,700 cyclists from 34 nations took part at the races during the two days of competition. 75 journalists from 10 nations were present at the event. The Swiss TV, the Italian RAI Channel and some regional broadcast stations reported from Hochpustertal/Alta Pusteria. The Marathon WCH on Saturday were marked by the dramatic final with the crash between the absolute top favourites Roel Paulissen (Belgium/World Champion) and Christoph Sauser (Switzerland /Vice World Champion). The numerous audience utterly got its money worth.

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