



17th Südtirol Dolomiti Superbike on 9 July 2011

Südtirol Dolomiti Superbike A domain of marathon specialists from Italy and Switzerland

Niederdorf 4 July 2011 - Everything is in place for the 17th Südtirol Dolomiti Superbike to be held next Saturday 9 July in the Alta Pusteria. The classic mountain bike marathon in the Dolomites has during its history produced numerous world champions, World Cup winners and top stars. A look at the honours table shows that Italy leads in the national rankings.

The organizers in Villabassa/Niederdorf have produced a total of 16 races since 1995. The tenth marathon in 2004 had to be prematurely cancelled owing to rain, snow and cold. The 2006 and 2007 Südtirol Dolomiti Superbike events were tallied as part of the UCI Marathon World Cup races and additionally, on the eve the 14th event of 2008 was included in the UCI Marathon World Championships.

The statistics speak clear numbers. In the all-time list of Südtirol Dolomiti Superbike, Italy leads with 13 victories. Nine of them are held by the men and four places go to the women. In the overall ranking, eight go to Switzerland and Germany has a total of four victories. Austrian marathon specialists have won the traditional race twice and one victory each was collected by athletes from Finland, France and Colombia.

Amongst the men of the 17th Südtirol Dolomiti Superbike is a field of Italian stars. The "Azzurri" have secured nine victories totalling 60% of the preceding races. Switzerland follows with two wins, Germany, Austria, France and Colombia with a single win. The most successful marathon participant on the long haul is the Italian Mauro Bettin. The Friulian won three races in a row between 2000 and 2002. On the line up of the roll of honour behind Debortolis Massimo from Italy (2007 and 2009) is Urs Huber (2008 and 2010) from Switzerland with two wins.

The Female Swiss bikers have six victories, a computation of 40% of all races followed by Italy with four (26%) and Germany with three successes (20%). Two women riders in the Südtirol Dolomiti Superbike have both crossed the finish line twice; Canins Maria (ITA) during the first two events of the Dolomiti Superbike in 1995 and 1996. Esther Süss of Switzerland was victorious in 2006 and 2007.

In 2008, Niederdorf hosted the UCI Mountain Bike World Championship Marathon. The gold medal was won by the Belgian Roel Paulissen in a dramatic final ahead of reigning world champion Christoph Sauser of Switzerland who later was placed second by the jury due to an obstruction. Bronze went to Urs Huber of Switzerland who won the classic Dolomiti Superbike the day after. In the

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woman's race, the Norwegian Olympic champion and world champion Gunn-Rita Dahle was first ahead of Sabine Spitz of Germany followed by Pia Sundstedt of Finland. In 2006 and 2007 the UCI Marathon World Cup race took place in Niederdorf. In the women's contest Esther Süss won both races twice and in the men's category, Leonardo Paez of Colombia in 2006 and Debertolis Massimo from Italy in 2007.

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