



THE 2025 HERO UCI CROSS-COUNTRY MARATHON WORLD CUP: LEO PAEZ AND ROSA VAN DOORN AND THEIR NATURLAND ANDORRA'S VICTORY

The second round of the 2025 HERO UCI Cross-country Marathon World Cup took place across the Naturland's 60 km, where Hector Leonardo Paez Leon from Colombia stood out, defeating Andreas Seewald from Germany and Wout Alleman from Belgium – although the latter still remains the leader of the World Cup.

Among the women, Rosa van Doorn from the Netherlands defeated Italian Sandra Mayrhofer, while Vera Looser, from Namibia, came in third.

After the first two rounds, Wout Alleman and Rosa van Doorn still spearhead their respective, overall ranking of the World Cup. They will have to defend their leadership on Saturday, 14 June during the HERO Südtirol Dolomites.

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Sant Julià de Lòria (AND), 1 June 2025 – The Pyrenees today welcomed the **2025 HERO UCI Cross-country Marathon World Cup's** second round during the **Naturland** in Andorra.

There were over 100 cyclists competing in the UCI World Cup representing 20 countries, racing across an extremely technical track boasting 60 km and 1,984 hm. Besides the technical track, the altitude of 2,000 m also had an impact on the race.



The start of Naturland Andorra, valid as the second round of the 2025 HERO UCI Cross-country Marathon World Cup – Credit: ©wisthaler.com

The race got off to a great start with adrenaline pumping in the air – but at the end of the circuit in the breathtaking Sant Julià de Lòria, in the Principality of Andorra, it was the marathon veteran himself, **Hector Leonardo Paez Leon**, who triumphed – or, as we all know him, Leo Paez. The Colombian, who now resides in Italy, closed the circuit in 2:45:06.

At the finish line, Leo Paez was visibly happy and said: *“I felt incredibly good today, and gave it my all when cycling. I must say, I managed the race employing a specific strategy. I didn’t overdo it in the first descent – avoiding risks, basically – and really go at full throttle on the climbs where I know I can really give it my best shot.”* He’s in tip-top shape, ready for the third round of the **2025 HERO UCI Cross-country Marathon World Cup** – the HERO Südtirol Dolomites on Saturday, 14 June. Indeed, he concluded by saying: *“That’s my race, as I’ve already won the HERO 8 times already.”*

The leading world champion, Andreas Seewald from Germany, representing team Singer KTM Racing, trailed behind Leo Paez. After his initial race in Capoliveri in mid-May and a nine-day course of antibiotics, he managed to win the second position by a mere 1’44” behind Leo. **Wout Alleman**, from Belgium, came third. The Buff Megamo Team representative finished the circuit in 2:47:57 – while still retaining the World Cup leadership.



The winner of the 2025 NaturLand Andorra, Leo Paez on the wheels of the marathon world champion Andreas Seewald – Credit: ©wisthaler.com

Among the women, victory went to **Rosa van Doorn** representing Buff Megamo Team whose time in Andorra was 3:24:41. A great second victory for the young athlete from the Netherlands after her first win in Capoliveri.

The winner of the 2025 Naturland said: *“I’m a bit surprised by today’s victory, because I did win the Capoliveri at sea altitude – while here we’re talking of 2,000 m asl, and I didn’t know how my body would have reacted. I really give it my all, so I’m over the moon.”*



The women's podium of the 2025 Naturland Andorra HERO UCI Cross-country Marathon World Cup. From left: Sandra Mayrhofer, Rosa Van Doorn, and Vera Looser. Credit: ©wisthaler.com

Behind van Doorn, **Sandra Mayrhofer** from Italy lagged behind by 3'23", with **Vera Looser** from Namibia closed the circuit in 3:29:06 – they will have to have another face off during the HERO in Val Gardena.

The final ranking was truly international, with 9 countries represented in the first 10 positions, with 6 out of 10 positions among the men.



A section of the NaturLand 2025 during the women's race descent through the meadows of the Sant Julià de Lòria plateau. Credit ©wisthaler.com

After the first round in Capoliveri during mid-May, the **Naturland-Andorra's** race was the second round of the **2025 HERO UCI Cross-country Marathon World Cup**. At the end of the race, the leader jersey didn't change, as Wout Alleman and Rosa van Doorn, both representing Buff Megamo Team, continue leading the overall ranking in the Elite category. Looking to the Master category, the first in the overall ranking in **Alexandre Llado Diaz from Spain**.

The next stage of the UCI World Cup will be in Italy on **14 June** during the **HERO Südtirol Dolomites in Val Gardena** for its 15th edition.

Overall rankings are available at heroucimarathonworldcup.com

2025 HERO UCI Cross-country Marathon World Cup

NaturLand Andorra - 1st June 2025

Men's Ranking

1. PAEZ LEON Hector Leonardo COL 2:45:06
2. SEEWALD Andreas SINGER KTM RACING GER 2:46:50 + 01:44
3. ALLEMAN Wout BUFF-MEGAMO TEAM BEL 2:47:57 + 02:51
4. SOUTH Casey TROPADO KENDA FSA SUI 2:48:16 + 03:10
5. DE COSMO Gioele TROPADO KENDA FSA ITA 2:48:42 + 03:36
6. SAMPARISI Nicolas ITA 2:48:43 + 03:37
7. GESCHE ANTONA Sebastian KLIMATIZA ORBEA TEAM CHI 2:49:01 + 03:55
8. PORRO Samuele KLIMATIZA ORBEA TEAM ITA 2:49:02 + 03:56
9. SAMPARISI Lorenzo ITA 2:49:27 + 04:21
10. RABENSTEINER Fabian TROPADO KENDA FSA ITA 2:49:50 + 04:44

Women's Ranking

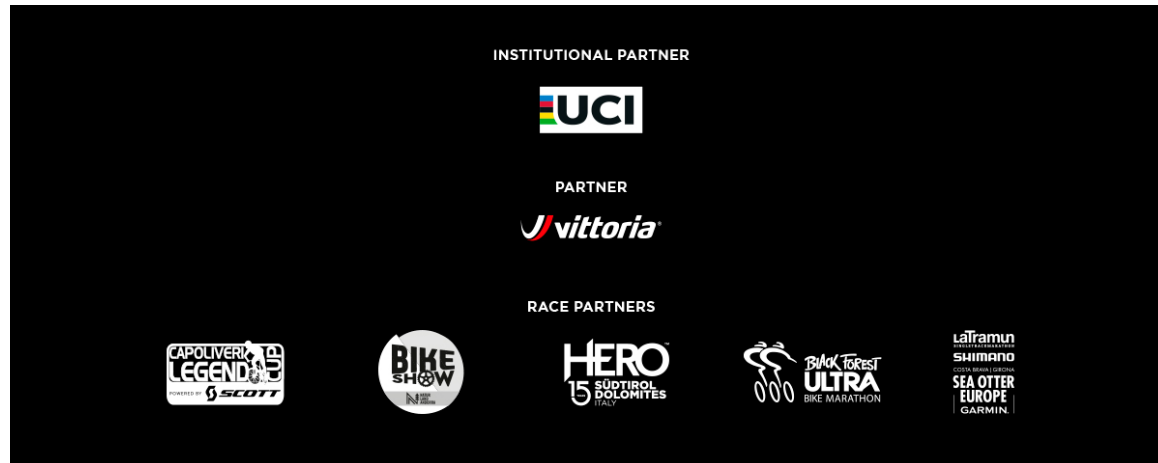
1. VAN DOORN Rosa BUFF-MEGAMO TEAM NED 3:24:41
2. MAIRHOFER Sandra ITA 3:27:18 + 02:37
3. LOOSER Vera NAM 3:29:06 + 04:25
4. NJEMCEVIC Lejla BIH 3:34:18 + 09:37
5. PIANA Debora ITA 3:35:35 + 10:54
6. SOSNA-PINELÉ Katazina TROPADO KENDA FSA LTU 3:36:40 + 11:59
7. GORYCKA - KURMANN Paula POL 3:37:37 + 12:56
8. KORTEKAAS Tessa CANNONDALE ISB SPORT NED 3:39:45 + 15:04
9. CALDERON Monica Yuliana CANNONDALE ISB SPORT ESP 3:42:11 + 17:30
10. ANDERSSON Terese SWE 3:43:25 + 18:44

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