

round of the UCI World Cup which took place during the Sea Otter Europe, which, in turn, celebrated its 8th edition.

A good 125 Elite athletes kicked off from the starting line for the **HERO UCI Cross-country Marathon World Cup**, and raced on a trail boasting 84 km and 2,969 hm. A trail made even more challenging due to the overnight rain and the intermittent showers which made the soil incredibly slippery. A demanding event which put the athletes' physical fitness and their cycling skills to the test all the way up to the finish line and their well-deserved spot on the podium.

Andreas Seewald, from Germany and cycling for **Singer KTM Racing**, finished 11th today – that still scored him 90 points, which was enough to catapult him to the top podium of the 2025 **HERO UCI Marathon World Cup**. The circuit's first-ever champion said: *"I'm overjoyed to have won the World Cup after having won the HERO in the Dolomites and the Black Forest event in my 'backyard'. The tail end of the season saw me take a bit of a slump as I'd competed so much. But everything was on the line today – for me and my team. And now I can finally rest, although I'm already thinking about the next season and competing in the World Championships."*

The second place in the overall ranking went to **Wout Alleman**, from Belgium, representing **Buff Megamo Team**, who finished seventh. The resulting 120 points weren't enough to beat Seewald – however, his performance contributed to the team ranking, which saw his team, **Buff Megamo**, win! The podium of the UCI World Cup welcomed **Leo Paez** from Colombia in third place thanks to his fourth position at the La Tramun.

The high-octane race didn't finish there, for the women's race didn't disappoint either. **Rosa Van Doorn**, cycling for **Buff Megamo Team**, finished the La Tramun second, which netted her 200 points – all she needed to ensure she could take the **2025 HERO UCI Marathon World Cup home**. The newly crowned World Cup champion was so overjoyed that she had to interrupt her statement, pausing to wipe away her tears of joy. *"I'm speechless – it was a phenomenal season. I scored important wins and results on different terrains, which are testament to all the hard work done. Today was no different – a gruelling race on a demanding trail, made even more difficult by the rain. Hats off to **Paula Gorycka – Kurmann**, because she was hands-down the strongest out there. I can't wait for the next season!"*

Sandra Mairhofer was nipping at her heels – her seventh place at the La Tramun, due to some difficulties on the slippery terrain, scored her a second spot in the HERO overall ranking. The World Cup podium was completed in third place by **Paula Gorycka – Kurmann**, from Poland, who was indisputably the champion of the La Tramun today, once again proving her mettle on extremely hard trails.

After five adrenaline-packed, high-octane races with plot twists around every corner, this year's UCI World Cup comes to an end. But the Organising Committee has already started working on the **2026 HERO UCI Cross-country Marathon World Cup** – the next edition will welcome back the five races which took place in 2025 and will start next year's circuit by introducing a brand-new race to be held on 21 February in Calpe, Costa Blanca, in Spain!

Gerhard Vanzi, HERO UCI Cross-country Marathon World Cup coordinator: *"Yes, it's true. We're already working on the next edition but, right now, all we want to do is enjoy the success of this initiative. One whose aim was that of developing mountain bike marathons, a type of race which enhances the location where the race takes place in and, at the same time, brings together top-notch professional athletes and amateur cyclists. I'd like to*

thank the UCI and the races; organising committees for having trusted us with this project and, of course, my thanks go to all the Elite and Master athletes who believed in this "new" World Cup."

La Tramun Sea Otter Europe –21.09.2025

Men's ranking

1.	SOUTH Casey	SUI	TORPADO KENDA FSA	4:34:05.52	
2.	PORRO Samuele	ITA	KLIMATIZA ORBEA TEAM	4:34:23.36	+17.84
3.	STUTZMANN Marc	SUI	KLIMATIZA ORBEA TEAM	4:35:13.31	+1:07.79
4.	PAEZ LEON	COL		4:39:06.18	+5:00.66
5.	CHERCHI Dario	ITA		4:39:31.02	+5:25.50
6.	EVENSEN-LIE Eskil	NOR		4:40:40.81	+6:35.29
7.	ALLEMAN Wout	BEL	BUFF MEGAMO TEAM	4:43:25.98	+9:20.46
8.	PÉREZ MARTÍNEZ	SPA	KLIMATIZA ORBEA TEAM	4:43:50.60	+9:45.08
9.	SAMPARISI Nicolas	ITA		4:44:44.25	+10:38.73
10.	STIEBJAHN Simon	GER	SINGER KTM RACING	4:44:48.22	+10:42.70

Women's ranking

1.	GORYCKA - KURMANN Paula	POL		5:54:56.17	
2.	VAN DOORN Rosa	NED	BUFF MEGAMO	5:58:56.07	+4:50.55
3.	BOHLIN Amanda	SVE		6:03:05.36	+8:59.84
4.	LOOSER Vera	NAM		6:07:07.44	+13:01.92
5.	NJEMCEVIC Lejla	BIH		6:07:53.59	+13:48.07
6.	WUST Janina	SUI	BUFF MEGAMO	6:11:09.65	+17:04.13
7.	MAIRHOFER Sandra	ITA		6:16:58.53	+22:53.01
8.	FASOLIS Costanza	ITA	CANNONDALE ISB SPORT	6:24:47.81	+30:42.29
9.	CALDERON MARTINEZ	COL	CANNONDALE ISB SPORT	6:30:35.25	+36:29.73
10.	ZARANTONELLO Maria	ITA		6:32:27.78	+38:22.26

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Men's ranking

1. Seewald: 920
2. Alleman: 820
3. Paez: 754

Women's ranking

1. Van Doorn: 1060
2. Mairhofer: 830
3. Gorycka-Kurmann: 770

The spotlight wasn't only reserved for Elite cyclist because – a first in mountain bike history – the UCI created a similar ranking for amateur Master cyclists. On the eve of the La Tramun, nobody doubted that Alexandre Llado Diaz, from Spain, and Kamila Gurzyńska, from Poland, would lead their individual ranking and, therefore, win the race in the Master category.

The final overall rankings can be seen at heroucim Marathon World Cup

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