



SEEWALD AND VAN DOORN CONQUER THE BLACK FOREST ULTRA BIKE MARATHON IS A 2025 HERO UCI MARATHON WORLD CUP WITHIN REACH?

The Black Forest ULTRA Bike Marathon's 118 km saw Andreas Seewald, from Germany, win the German race after a solo breakaway. A photo finish was required to determine the second and third place, with Gioele De Cosmo beating Wout Alleman, from Belgium. Among the women's rank, the success of Dutch cyclist Rosa Van Doorn over Mara Fumagalli was a sight to behold! Adelheid Morath, who trained on these tracks, placed third.

With just one round until the end of the World Cup, today's winners cement their leadership role in the World Cup's overall rankings and will yet again wear the leader jersey in the final in Girona in September.

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Kirchzarten (GER), 13 July 2025 – Everything is going as planned and, today, the **2025 HERO UCI Cross-country Marathon World Cup** took place in Kirchzarten in Germany. The circuit's fourth round was hosted by the **Black Forest ULTRA Bike Marathon**, now at its 25th edition.

Over 120 UCI World Cup participants took part in the race, battling it on a racetrack boasting 118 km and 3,550 hm. A circuit which tested the cyclists' endurance and their race strategy, key elements to make it on the podium. Qualities which paid off for **Andreas Seewald**, from Germany, racing for Singer KTM Team who crossed the finish line first with a time of 4:21:50.

He says: *"We were all going strong during the race's first two hours. I felt well, and all of a sudden, 40 km from the end, I'd broken away. I hadn't planned it in advance, but I felt fine so I kept on pushing. And, let's be honest, winning in Germany, at home, makes the victory that more special. I owe my team a thanks for all the support they've given me."* A victory which was welcomed by a beautiful day of sunshine and which cements his leadership in the 2025 HERO UCI Marathon World Cup's overall ranking.

Gioele De Cosmo, from Turin, Italy, was right behind Seewald. The Torpado Kenda FSA Factory team cyclist showed us what a true neck and neck race was, as he had to sprint forward in Kirchzarten to beat **Wout Alleman** from Belgium, who crossed the line 2:21 behind him. Despite Alleman's great start in the race's first part, he just couldn't keep up and fell back into third place. Leo Paez, from Colombia, who was always in the limelight in the previous World Cup races, competed today despite physical problems which impacted him severely during the last week. Yet he decided to compete all the same, ending in 21st position.

A high-octane race among the Women's category, with no effort spared by the winner: **Rosa Van Doorn**, from Buff Megamo, snatched the victory away from **Mara Fumagalli**, from Italy. The Dutch athlete crossed the finish line at 5:17:36, while the third place went to the crowd's heroine, **Adelheid Morath**, with her 5:19:40.

"We really pushed today, and I have to take my hat off to my rivals, because we all maintained a good pace and high rhythm. We had fun, and we'll face off at the last World Cup race in Girona," said Van Doorn.

With just one race to go until the end of the **2025 HERO UCI Marathon World Cup**, the award ceremony saw Andreas Seewald and Rosa Van Doorn confirmed as the current leaders. They'll wear the leader jersey on 21 September at the **La Tramun Sea Otter Europe**. The leaders in the Master category were **Alexandra Llado Diaz**, from Spain, and **Kamila Gurzynska** from Poland.

After the August break, the UCI World Cup will land in Spain for the fifth and final round of the circuit. And that's when we'll know who the winners of the **2025 HERO UCI Cross-country Marathon World Cup** will be.

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