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## Since 27 Years: HARD, HARDER, MOUNTAIN ATTACK

- Paul Verbnjak (AUT) and Evi Gudelius (GER) triumph in the marathon distance.
- Alex Oberbacher (ITA) and Linda Wilhelmstätter (AUT) secure first place in the Tour.
- Schattberg Race: Victory goes to Kilian Rettensteiner (AUT) and Ayaka Ueda (JPN).

*Saalbach-Hinterglemm, January 17, 2025* – Austria's biggest and toughest ski mountaineering race, the **Mountain Attack**, took place today (Friday, January 17, 2025) for the 27th time. The winner and **Mountain Man 2025** in the marathon distance was Austrian Paul Verbnjak. For the women, Evi Gudelius (GER) claimed victory. Weather and course conditions were perfect.

Highly motivated athletes from 22 nations lined up at the start to demonstrate their skills in the Schattberg Race (1.017 meters of elevation gain), the Tour (2.036 meters of elevation gain, 5 summits), the Marathon (3.010 meters of elevation gain, 6 summits), or the Marathon Relay in the "Home of lässig."

At precisely 4:00 PM, the starting shot was fired at the village square in Saalbach for this iconic ski mountaineering event. Roland Kurz, the event's founder and organizer, said: "The air was filled with excitement and anticipation – we witnessed an exhilarating race for the podium under perfect conditions."

Young talent Paul Verbnjak from Carinthia claimed victory in the marathon race with a time of 2:15:57, earning the title "Mountain Man 2025." He was only 47 seconds away of Jakob Herrmann's course record from 2020. Behind him, Davide Magnini (ITA) and Armin Höfl (AUT) secured second and third places. The fastest woman was German Evi Gudelius with a time of 3:10:35, followed by Bianca Somavilla (AUT) and Claudia Boffelli (ITA).

In the Tour distance, Alex Oberbacher (ITA) won with a commanding lead ahead of Christof Hochenwarter and Samuel Eisl (both AUT). Linda Wilhelmstätter defended her women's title from last year. Marita Kröhn and Kati Schmuck (both AUT) claimed second and third places, respectively.

The team victory in the relay went to "Brixental Connection" (Florian Türk, Andreas Mayr, Tom Krimbacher), ahead of Team "Red Bull" (Hans-Peter Innerhofer, Manuel Innerhofer, Markus Kröll) and "Pöllner Sports Teisendorf 2" (Jakob Schmid, Martin Bauregger, Georg Steinbacher).

The unofficial\* results for 2025, with all times for all events, can be viewed at [www.time2win.at](http://www.time2win.at) (-> Mountain Attack).

## Unofficial RESULTS 2025

### Marathon – Men

1. Paul Verbnjak (AUT), 02:15:57 – MOUNTAIN MAN 2025
2. Davide Magnini (ITA), 2:18:37
3. Armin Höfl (AUT), 2:20:18

### Marathon – Women

1. Evi Gudelius (GER), 3:10:35 – MOUNTAIN WOMAN 2025
2. Bianca Somavilla (AUT), 3:13:22
3. Claudia Boffelli (ITA), 3:18:56

### Tour – Men

1. Alex Oberbacher (ITA), 1:34:07
2. Christof Hochenwarter (AUT), 1:38:32
3. Samuel Eisl (AUT), 1:40:21

### Tour – Women

1. Linda Wilhelmstätter (AUT), 2:05:17
2. Marita Kröhn (AUT), 2:20:38
3. Kati Schmuck (AUT), 02:22:15

### Schattberg Race – Men

1. Kilian Rettensteiner (AUT), 00:46:04
2. Martin Schider (AUT), 00:46:20
3. Kenta Endo (JPN), 00:48:50

### Schattberg Race – Women

1. Ayaka Ueda (JPN), 00:51:01
2. Tina Fischl (GER), 00:54:37
3. Molly Zurn (USA), 01:03:14

### Marathon Relay

1. Brixental Connection, 02:34:15
2. Red Bull, 02:34:48
3. Pöllner Sports Teisendorf 2, 02:40:02

**Save the Date:** #mountainattack: Friday, January 16, 2026

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