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## American elite runners on top form at first 2024 UTMB World Series Major, HOKA Canyons Endurance Runs by UTMB

- Americans on top, claiming the victories across all four race categories
- Elena Horton (USA) wins 100M debut, alongside Canyon Woodward (USA)
- Katie Schide (USA) dominates Women Elite 100K, also finishing sixth overall

Over 2,500 runners and a world-class elite field set the trails alight at Auburn for the 10th Anniversary of HOKA Canyons Endurance Runs™ by UTMB® on April 26-27, kicking off the first UTMB® World Series Major of 2024 in style.



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Elena Horton (USA, [UTMB Index 705](#)) impressed in her debut 100-miler, taking the tape in the Women Elite race ahead of Jacquie Mannhard (USA, [UTMB Index 652](#)) and Sonia Ahuja (USA, [UTMB Index 640](#)). 2023 podium finisher Canyon Woodward (USA, [UTMB Index 811](#)) jumped two positions in 2024, claiming the Men Elite victory ahead of Nicholas Lightbody (CAN, [UTMB Index 825](#)) and Nick CliffOrr (USA, [UTMB Index 686](#)).

**Horton said,** “There were some tough parts, but I pushed through, and it was really fun and really beautiful. Next up, my husband and I will be racing La Sportiva™ Lavaredo Ultra Trail™ by UTMB® as part of a late honeymoon.”

The stand-out performance of the weekend came from the 2022 UTMB® Women winner at HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc, Katie Schide (USA, [UTMB Index 801](#)). Leading from the start of the Women Elite 100K, the American runner continued to extend her gap to finish almost one hour ahead of her closest competitors, EmKay Sullivan (USA, [UTMB Index 760](#)) and Anna Kacius (USA, [UTMB Index 747](#)), which also saw her finish sixth place overall.



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**Schide said,** “Everything went smoothly, and I just focussed on ticking off the aid stations. I tried to latch onto some guys when I had the chance and I just focused on not doing anything stupid.

“I want to thank Kim and Topher Gaylord who crewed me and who gave up their whole week just to come and hand me flasks at aid stations, it really means a lot. Shout-out also to my parents who came all the way from Maine to come see me for the week as I currently live in Europe. They have been super helpful driving me around and finding me out on the course.”

The Men Elite race proved a much tighter battle, with a group of twenty runners all sticking close together for the first half of the race before Rod Farvard (USA, [UTMB Index 863](#)) started to pull away. The American runner got stronger as the race went on, establishing a gap of over six minutes on second-placed Drew Holmen (USA, [UTMB Index 884](#)). Petter Engdahl (SWE, [UTMB Index 925](#)) finished in third, just over ten minutes behind the leader.

Dani Moreno (USA, [UTMB Index 783](#)) flew into the finish in the Women Elite 50K, with Jennifer Lichter (USA, [UTMB Index 773](#)) and Tabor Hemming (USA, [UTMB Index 737](#)) applying the pressure from behind. It proved a good day out for the Hemming's, with Eli Hemming (USA, [UTMB Index 911](#)) going on to take the victory in the Men Elite 50K race, ahead of Daniel Jones (NZL, [UTMB Index 905](#)) and Cole Watson (USA, [UTMB Index 881](#)).

The American dominance continued in the 20K race, with Talon Hull (USA, [UTMB Index 830](#)) and Bailey Cossentine (USA) taking the tape.



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All results from the weekend are available on the following link.

100M M		COUNTRY	RUNNER	UTMB INDEX	DISTANCE & ELEVATION	TOP 3 GAIN DIRECT ENTRY TO UTMB*
100K						
FEMALE	1	USA	Elena Horton	705	160,9 KM	UTMB TOP 3
	2	USA	Jacquie Mannhard	652		
	3	USA	Sonia Ahuja	640		
	1	USA	Canyon Woodward	812	5,181 M+	UTMB TOP 3
MALE	2	CAN	Nicholas Lightbody	825		
	3	USA	Nick CliffOrr	686		
100K M						
	1	USA	Katie Schide	801	99,9 KM	CCC TOP 3
FEMALE	2	USA	EmKay Sullivan	760		
	3	USA	Anna Kacius	747		
	1	USA	Rod Farvard	861	43,352 M+	CCC TOP 3
MALE	2	USA	Drew Holmen	884		
	3	SWE	Petter Engdahl	925		
50K M						
	1	USA	Dani Moreno	783	49,8 KM	CCC TOP 3
FEMALE	2	USA	Jennifer Lichter	773		
	3	USA	Tabor Hemming	737		
	1	USA	Eli Hemming	911	1,706 M+	CCC TOP 3
MALE	2	NZL	Daniel Jones	905		
	3	USA	Cole Watson	881		
20K M						
	1	USA	Bailey Cossentine	-	24,9 KM	CCC TOP 3
FEMALE	2	USA	Amanda Wiggemohr	698		
	3	USA	Natalie Chirgwin	677		
	1	USA	Talon Hull	830	853 M+	CCC TOP 3
MALE	2	USA	Richard Siegelberg	881		
	3	USA	Eric Hamel	812		

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Next up on the UTMB World Series calendar is Amazean Jungle Thailand by UTMB® on 3-5 May 2024. More information can be found at the [UTMB World Series website](#).

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#### About UTMB Group

Since the creation of HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc in 2003 by a group of passionate friends, UTMB Group has been the driving force behind the development of trail running. The HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc is the sports pinnacle event, and every year, 10,000 runners earn their place on the start line. UTMB Group also pioneered the LiveTrail® technology, an innovative digital service that supports the management of endurance races. Revered by hundreds of thousands of athletes, UTMB® has become a global, premium, and leading brand. In May 2021, UTMB Group partnered with The IRONMAN Group to launch the UTMB® World Series, which brings together many of the best international events on the planet to provide exclusive access to the sport's pinnacle event, HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc. The UTMB® World Series is built on the founding principles of HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc: surpassing oneself; fair-play; respect for people and the environment; and solidarity. Find out more at <https://umb.world>.

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