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HOKA UTMB Mont-Blanc 2024: A milestone Event celebrating Mexican achievements and the iconic reunion of Arnulfo Químare and Scott Jurek

Chamonix, France – August 30, 2024 – The 21st edition of the HOKA UTMB Mont-Blanc is in full swing. Yesterday, the OCC race concluded with 15 Mexican participants making their mark, highlighted by Juan Belman's outstanding achievement. Belman finished as the first Latin American, securing the 24th overall position. His journey to the UTMB World Series Finals was secured with a direct qualification after his victory at Puerto Vallarta by UTMB 2023.

OCC Winners:



Women's Podium



Miao Yao (UTMB Index 785)



Judith Wyder (UTMB Index 792)



Clémentine Geoffray (UTMB Index 791)



Men's Podium



Eli Hemming (UTMB Index 914)



Francesco Puppi (UTMB Index 919)



Antonio Martínez Pérez (UTMB Index 912)

Relive the OCC: The OCC, the ultimate challenge for mid-distance enthusiasts, commenced in Orsières, marking the final event of the UTMB World Series in the 50K category. [Watch the recap.](#)

CCC, The premier 100K showdown begins: This morning, 29 Mexicans lined up at the start of the CCC, the highly anticipated 100K race from Courmayeur to Chamonix. This premier event, known for its competitive elite field, features a grueling 101 km course with a staggering 6,050m elevation gain. Follow the race live on [UTMB Live.](#)

PTL First Finishers complete the grueling 304 km course in under 100 hours: Last Monday, 120 teams embarked on the Petite Trotte à Léon (PTL), a demanding course along the grand Tour du Mont-Blanc. The race, spanning 304 km and 24,500 m of elevation gain, tests participants with its challenging terrain through France, Italy, and Switzerland. The AlpsXperience team, comprising Swiss brothers Jules-Henri and Candide Gabioud (UTMB Index 738), crossed the finish line in Chamonix at 11:36 a.m. on Monday, completing the race in under 100 hours. The Gabioud brothers emphasized that the key to their success was "loving and respecting the mountain."



A Legendary Reunion: Arnulfo Químare and Scott Jurek Unite in Chamonix

This morning witnessed a historic moment in trail running as Arnulfo Químare and Scott Jurek reunited in Chamonix. The two legends first met in 2006 during the Ultra Marathon Copper Canyon, where Químare, an unknown Rarámuri runner, defeated the world-renowned Scott Jurek in an unforgettable race. This story was immortalized in the bestseller "Born to Run." Their reunion at the UTMB World Series Event in Chihuahua by UTMB allowed fans to relive the magic, as they once again shared the trails, embodying the spirit of trail running.



Scott Jurek and Arnulfo Químare during the 2006 Ultra Marathon Copper Canyon in Chihuahua, Mexico. Photo by Luis Escobar.



Scott Jurek and Arnulfo Químare at the 2024 HOKA UTMB Mont-Blanc in Chamonix, France. Photo by Adrien Colleux.

Download the photos [here](#).

The 2024 HOKA UTMB Mont-Blanc continues to deliver thrilling races, remarkable achievements, and memorable moments, reinforcing its status as the pinnacle of trail running events.

For more information on the upcoming races and events, visit [UTMB Mont-Blanc's official website](#).

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