

Sprint finish for Haglöfs Silva and 400Team Naturex

The second place of this Adventure Racing World Championship was settled in a sprint. After five days of progression in the Reunionese jungle, from one river to another, from volcano to volcano, the finish sprint took place on the Hermitage beach. Only two minutes separated the second and the third team. The Swedish team Haglöfs Silva took the second place of the podium and the French 400Team Naturex came in third. The two teams were in a daze when they reached the finish line, exhausted but also moved by this strange finish sprint in such a particular context. "This was a crazy Raid and a crazy finish" said Sébastien Raichon, 400Team Naturex captain. We have been training for this adventure in the Reunion Island for years and we knew this race was made for us. From the packraft, the volcano ascent, coasteering after l'Anse des Cascades, the ride up to the Maïdo in mountain bike; even if we were barely able to put one foot in front the other... it was awesome". For Nicolas Seguin, nicknamed the Phoenix by his teammates because of his ability to rise from the ashes, this first podium on the AR circuit ever for 400Team is a victory that he will enjoy in some time. For now, emotion and disappointment are too strong.

In the evening, the Czech team Black Hill Salomon Opava Net (14) and the Estonian team Estonian Ace Adventure (4) are expected on the finish line. Furthermore, there were still 8 teams completing the mountain bike section towards the Maïdo; 4 teams on the sea kayak section and 18 teams trekking up to the Piton de la Fournaise or getting back down through the Rivière des Remparts.

Besides, the organization decided to implement a new cut allowing the back teams, whose progression was getting slower, to remain on the race and reach the finish line. Today after 1pm, the teams have been stopped at TA4 (Saint-Philippe) and directly taken to TA6 (Saint-Pierre). From there, they will get back on track and hope to get to the Village Corail before Friday, last day of this AR world championship.

Podium of the Adventure Racing World Championship 2018

1. Avaya, completed the race in 117 hours
2. Haglöfs Silva, completed the race in 120 hours and 47 min
3. 400Team Naturex completed the race in 120 hours and 49 min

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