

## **IRONMAN 70.3 BETWEEN GLACIER, MOUNTAIN AND LAKE IS BACK AND A PINZGAU LOCAL MAKES IT TO THE WINNERS' ROSTRUM**

**After a one-year break, the triathlon event of the year was once again successfully held in Zell am See-Kaprun thanks to a comprehensive safety concept. Athletes from 69 nations around the world competed for victory on 29 August 2021. At the 9th edition of the IRONMAN 70.3 Zell am See-Kaprun, Germany's Laura Philipp once again showed that she is one of the best triathletes in the world and secured a convincing victory. In the men's race, Germany's Jan Stratmann celebrated his first IRONMAN 70.3 triumph. Local hero Lukas Hollaus secured an outstanding second place one month after his Olympic appearance.**

Zell am See-Kaprun, 29 August 2021 - Lake Zell was heaving, clouds covered the mountain peaks at the challenging bike course. The athletes were well prepared and, with extensive safety measures, the IRONMAN 70.3 Zell am See-Kaprun was a great event after a one-year break. Once again, a local top athlete secured one of the places on the winners' rostrum at the ninth edition of this event.

Barely five and a half minutes after Jan Stratmann, the first to cross the finish line, there was again a real buzz - local hero and Olympic participant Lukas Hollaus took second place after a courageous race. Still in fourth place after the bike, Hollaus stepped it up a notch in running and was able to overtake his compatriots Paul Ruttmann and Georg Enzenberger. While Ruttmann could not finish the race, Enzenberger secured 3rd place.

Germany's Jan Stratmann won the IRONMAN 70.3 competition for the first time in his career at IRONMAN 70.3 Zell am See-Kaprun. Stratmann was already the first to come out of the water and did not relinquish his lead until the finish. The 26-year-old German crossed the finish line after 3:59:42 and could justifiably celebrate following a strong performance.

Laura Philipp won for the third time in Zell am See-Kaprun. After the swim in Lake Zell, still just behind the Italian Margie Santimaria, Philipp changed fastest and got on the bike first. Philipp won the women's race in 4:21:49, more than ten minutes ahead of her compatriot Anne Reischmann. Third place went to Kaidi Kivioja from Estonia.

### **COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY CONCEPT FOR HIGHLIGHT EVENT**

The IRONMAN 70.3 Zell am See-Kaprun is the sports highlight of the year and a first-class major event in the region. Thanks to a comprehensive safety concept and months of preparation, a successful event could be ensured and the health and safety of all athletes and volunteers could be guaranteed. The "[Safe Return to Racing](#)" concept requires, among other things, a valid 3G certificate of all persons involved.

"The IRONMAN 70.3 Zell am See-Kaprun in our region is a triathlon of superlatives. The many athletes from all over the world show their enthusiasm for this event time and again. We are particularly pleased that this year a Pinzgau local was able to make it to the rostrum," summarises tourism director Renate Ecker and adds: "Zell am See-Kaprun has once again

shown that it is a top triathlon destination. The event generated an added value of about 4.5 million euros for the entire region. Special thanks go to the many volunteers. Together with the neighbouring communities, we are looking forward to welcoming the IRONMAN 70.3 event until at least 2024."

#### **ALL RESULTS OF THE 9TH IRONMAN 70.3 ZELL AM SEE-KAPRUN:**

[www.ironman.com/im703-zell-am-see-results](http://www.ironman.com/im703-zell-am-see-results)

#### **ABOUT ZELL AM SEE-KAPRUN:**

Glacier, mountains and lake – the all-year round destination of Zell am See-Kaprun in Austria combines the diversity of the Alps. In the unique natural paradise at the edge of the Hohe Tauern National Park, sports enthusiasts, active holidaymakers, families and those seeking relaxation will discover a wide range of experiences in summer and in winter. These include "Gipfelwelt 3,000" on the Kitzsteinhorn – the only glacier ski resort in SalzburgerLand, the Maiskogel family region, the panorama and family mountain Schmittenhöhe, Lake Zell and the multi-award winning 36-hole Leading Golf course. In winter is Zell am See-Kaprun one of Austria's most attractive winter sports regions. Thanks to the Ski ALPIN CARD ticket network, snow enthusiasts can conquer a total of 408 kilometres of pistes, including the glacier, with just one single ski pass. Tradition and authenticity are reflected in the events and culinary specialties of the region. [www.zellamsee-kaprun.com](http://www.zellamsee-kaprun.com)

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