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## **Laura Charles (Orbea) and Youn Deniaud (Giant), winners of the Enduro Salines**

- **The race reaches its 10<sup>th</sup> edition and becomes the reference encounter among the national and international runners before the world championship.**

Last Sunday, the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the BTT Enduro Salines race was celebrated. With 250 registered participants, the promising young star Youn Deniaud (Giant) climbed the podium in the masculine category, ahead of professional pilots, with a total of 15:44.85 in the three timed tracks of the circuit. In the feminine category, Laura Charles (Orbea) won with a total of 20:02.40", reaching her first victory in this race.

Youth has won over experience in a terrain that requires a high technical level. Although Laura Charles, in the feminine category, was already a candidate to reach the victory before the race; Youn Deniaud has given a surprise by beating all the professional pilots.

This tenth edition of the Enduro has counted on 250 participants of Spain, France, Andorra, Switzerland, Germany and the United Kingdom, who have travelled to the mountain of the Salines, in Maçanet de Cabrenys. Among the participants of this year, some of the best European runners have met, such as the French Damien Oton and Youn Deniaud, the German Valentin Schleicher, the Spanish Nacho Valverde or the Swiss Lars Buengen, in the masculine category. Regarding the feminine category, figures such as the Andorran Léa Giraud-Marcellin, the French Laura Charles and Nastacia Gimenez, and the Spanish Sara Yuste have come.

On a 32 km of length and a 1400 m of slope marked path, participants have run three timed slopes. The starting shot was given by the organization while highlighting that the chosen circuit is technical and with several natural obstacles.

The first trail, the *Dámaso's Trail*, is a 2-km descent with a lot of granitic rocks. For two years now, international cyclists use it for their warm-up training during the off-season. The second slope, the *Llosa-Rampage*, adds speed to the circuit and opens up to the scenery of all the area. During the descent, the path goes into the forest in a circular and slow way among chestnut trees, and faster among the oak trees. The third and final slope is the *Nanas*, the one in the Cabrera's Castle, with 7 km. Its first section passes by pine trees in a not very technically demanding track. When arriving at Cabrera's Castle, the difficulty increases and a high presence of rocks with little adhesion can be found. This path leads to the Curu's curves, a quick track with marked curves.



## **10 editions of the Enduro of the Salines**

Since 2011 and with the one from this year, Enduro Salines has already celebrated ten editions, with more than 2.000 participants. Consequently, it has consolidated itself as the most expected event among professional cyclists before starting the world championship. The Enduro Salines has been a part of the European circuit of the Enduro (2019) and in the National one, and three times the Spanish Cup. Jep Coromines, technical director of the Enduro Salines, has celebrated the fact of *“being an international reference thanks to the technical quality of the path, and being the headquarters of the south of Europe that counts with the greatest number of editions”*.

The organization of the Enduro Salines has taken care and always followed the protocols and preventive measures of COVID during the event. No risky situation has occurred neither for the participants nor for the public.

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