



Kira Weidle together with Selina Hofmann won this year's Star Challenge

Once again, Hermann Maier demonstrated his top-class skiing ability. This time as a forerunner.

From the double Snow Space Salzburg Princess Frieda Hansdotter, to Michaela Kirchgasser, football legend Mario Haas and ice hockey player Matthias Trattnig 10 celebrities from sport and society accepted the invitation to this year's Star Challenge, which took place on Monday, on January 13th on the Hermann Maier FIS World Cup run in Flachau. Many enthusiastic spectators didn't want to miss the charity race held for the benefit of the Salzburger-ski youngsters on the evening before the legendary Audi FIS Ladies Night Slalom. The race was also broadcast live on ORF Sport+.

On the ready to race world cup run, a paired giant slalom was held where each pair started with one celebrity and one young skier from the Salzburger Land ski association. Each of the young talented skiers set a target time at racing speed. Before each celebrity drawn started the race, they had to estimate how much faster or slower they would finish the race. The pair with the smallest time difference between the estimated and the actual time won the race.

With a gap of just 0.29 seconds, Kira Weidle and young racer Selina Hofmann won the Star Challenge 2020, followed by the team Dorian Steidl / Niklas Kurz. The third place on the podium went to Matthias Trattnig / Jonathan Kröll.

With a time of 27.18 seconds, Flachau ski legend Hermann Maier - this time as a forerunner - set the best time of day, in true "Maier style".

The net proceeds of Euro 5,000 will be donated to the Salzburger Land ski association to promote the upcoming youth and was presented by the OC chairmen (Eugen Fischbacher, Ing. Wolfgang Hettegger and Mayor Thomas Oberreiter) to the SLSV President Bartl Gensbichler at the award ceremony

Not only the Star Challenge was happy about the large number of spectators that evening, but also at the autograph session followed by a draw for starting numbers in the centre of the village, many ski fans took the chance for a short meet and greet and a selfie with the ski stars of the Ladies Ski World Cup.

Not only were a huge number of spectators present at the Star Challenge yesterday evening but also at the autograph session that was followed by the start number draw in the town centre. Many ski fans took the opportunity for a quick selfie, meet, and greet with the ski stars of the Ladies Ski World Cup.

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