

The tireless Mathéo Jacquemoud Chamonix – Zermatt in 13h27: he smashes the record with William Boffelli

This Sunday, April 5, 2026, Mathéo delivered an exceptional performance by setting a new reference time for the Chamonix–Zermatt ski traverse in **13:27:49**. Starting from the Chamonix church at 00:33, the duo Mathéo and William reached Zermatt at 14:00, beating the previous record set by Samuel Equy and Benjamin Védrières in April 2023 by 1 hour and 27 minutes.



Ten days after completing his Alpine crossing, he confirms his outstanding form, adding another major achievement to his record with a remarkable time on the most iconic ski raid in the Alps: the Haute Route.

Two days before the start, Italian athlete William Boffelli, holder of the Chamonix round-trip Mont Blanc ski ascent record (4h43) contacted Mathéo to suggest teaming up. They quickly realized they shared the same project at the same time and decided to start together from Chamonix, seeing along the way whether their respective pace would allow them to reach Zermatt together.

The objective was clear: break the 14-hour barrier to cover the 100 km route with 8,300 m of elevation gain and 7,600 m of descent.

“After the Alpine crossing, I felt really good. My sensations were excellent as soon as I started skiing again two days after arriving in Nice. By increasing training intensity at Les Grands-Montets, I felt I was at peak fitness.”

_ MATHÉO JACQUEMOUD



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Everything aligned following his 20-day crossing: very favorable weather and snow conditions, perfect acclimatization, and lightweight gear co-developed with Simond and thoroughly tested in recent weeks. Above all, there was a strong and irresistible desire to make the most of his field experience and exceptional physical condition.

A long and beautiful day

At the first aid station in La Fouly at 4:40 a.m., they were together, fresh and focused. Barely enough time to refill their water flasks before setting off again. At Bourg-Saint-Pierre, the second and final aid station at 6:30 a.m., they were still together, showing no signs of fatigue and perfectly on schedule. The stop was slightly longer: changing clothes, fresh skins, refilling water and gels. Mathéo was smiling—the snow and weather conditions were ideal, and he felt great. Even though the rest might have seemed almost easy, there was still a long distance and significant elevation ahead—nothing was decided yet. They continued together all the way to the finish, in the true spirit of ski mountaineering.

New reference time

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Chamonix - Zermatt in 13 hours and 27 minutes

Mathéo's words upon arriving in Zermatt:

"Well, I'm tired! After Bourg-Saint-Pierre, it became more difficult. I was discovering the entire route for the first time, I had only known a third of it and I found it long and very flat. I also think I still had some underlying fatigue, as I skied a lot after returning from my Alpine crossing. But I'm really very happy with our time. Apart from the last descent, with sticky snow, the conditions were excellent. The night went by quickly, and it was a real pleasure to set off with William. We've appreciated each other for a long time, and at the last moment we decided it was better to attempt this record together rather than each on our own. There were no issues at all, and we were always at the same pace. In the end, it really motivated and boosted me!"

_ MATHÉO JACQUEMOUD

"I still can't quite believe it... It was incredible. A long journey. I think it's one of my most beautiful experiences in the mountains. Of course, it's longer than a round trip to Mont Blanc, but I was in good shape and managed it well. Mathéo and I met through competitions, then became friends. It was a real pleasure—and an honor—to be with him. We were a bit like a team: he was always in front, both on the climbs and the descents. I'll remember this night—and this day—for a long time."

_ WILLIAM BOFFELLI



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MATHÉO JACQUEMOUD

35 years old, high-mountain guide, ENSA instructor, and coach for the French ski mountaineering team.

5-time world champion (individual and team) in 2013, 2014, 2022.

Two-time winner of the Pierra Menta: in 2013 with William Bon Mardion and in 2016 with Kilian Jornet.

Crossing of the Alps in March 2026, on skis and by bike, from Vienna to Nice in 20 days.

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14:54

The previous reference time set by Samuel Équy and Benjamin Védrines on the Chamonix–Zermatt traverse on April 10, 2023, without external assistance.

23:36 (Women)

Swiss athletes Gaëlle Perrier and Clara Masserey set a new women's reference time on the Chamonix–Zermatt ski mountaineering traverse, completing it in 23:36 on April 4, 2025.



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