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Thousands Race around the Globe, Witness Live, Elite Competition, and Raise Thousands for Charity at Game-changing 'Chaski Challenge' Virtual Event Olympians lead the charge

CHASKI HQ, FLAGSTAFF, AZ, USA – An audience of over 10,000 runners from around the globe witnessed history on Saturday night (September 12, 2020) as a field of more than fifty professional runners from sixteen teams representing twelve countries raced for glory (and prize money) in the Athletic Brewing Co. Chaski Marathon Relay. The event, streamed live and featuring a custom-built interactive race-tracker, allowed fans from 70 countries to follow their heroes as they competed in a 3-person marathon relay, with commentary from Boston Marathon Champion Des Linden, World Champion Amelia Boone, Brave Like Gabe founder Justin Grunwald, and Chaski founder Tyler Andrews.

In the women's race, Team JUSARSA stole the show with an incredible combined time of 2:17:01, 18 minutes ahead of second place. The tri-continental team ran away from the competition in the first leg (12 miles, 19.2km), in which Annie Bothma ran a world-class 1:01:09, a time which places her in the upper echelon of female half-marathoners. Not to be out done, American Lindsey Scherf followed suit with an 8-mile (13km) leg in a blistering 41:15, bettering her own personal best for the 10km en route. Shiho Kaneshige of Japan brought the team home with a 34:41 6.2-miler (10km), a solid performance for the 2:28-marathoner coming back from injury.

Conversely, it was a nail-biter on the men's side, with tri-national Team Flagstaff (Kenya, Eritrea, and USA) taking the victory by 25 seconds over an All-American team of BYU-alums, "Ed's Elites" 2:11:50 to 2:12:15. Team Flagstaff's times are most remarkable given that the runners were competing at almost 7,000 ft (2,100m) above sea level.

Moreover, the elite relay was really the culmination of the Chaski Challenge, which featured a week of free virtual races, with over 1700 runners competing over 5 kilometers, marathon, or team relay competitions. Race sponsors provided thousands of dollars worth of prizes to top finishers as well as raffling items to all competitors.

Andrews, the founder of Chaski Endurance Collective, race director, and commentator describes the event as "a dream come true."

"Chaski Challenge was built 100% for and by athletes. We wanted to build something that would foster community in the running world during this time when so many are feeling isolated -- elites and weekend warriors alike -- and empower people to push their limits. We can't wait to do it again."

About Chaski Endurance Collective - Chaski is reinventing online coaching, with a community model designed to empower athletes of all levels through human-to-human, personalized, and adaptive training and innovative events and content. For more, visit www.chaski.run or follow [@chaski.endurance](https://www.instagram.com/chaski.endurance).

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