

# MTB World Cup XC #3 & DH #2 - CDM

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### Race 3 - June 9: Elite Men 4X

#### Lopes stays cool

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Just like the women's race was suspended due to the downpour, the men's had to wait a while for their turn. And just like in the women's event, it was a GT Bikes member in the name of Brian Lopes, who came out victorious.

Lopes, who qualified fastest, world champion Michal Prokop (Author), Filip Polc (Gravity Group) and Gee Atherton (Animal Commencal) made up the men's final. Lopes was easily the quickest out of the gate for each run until the Final, when Prokop nipped him.

However, Prokop took too much speed into the first corner and had to brake, going wide, which allowed Lopes to sneak through and open a gap on the other three. Prokop soon got back on track to take second, ahead of Polc, who passed Atherton through the final corner for third.



Brian Lopes (GT)  
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"It was a little bit of work, definitely, to get the win. Prokop is fast, but I just let the race come to me. Prokop got the jump, but he had to hit the brakes, and I got the inside and let it go. After that it was just a matter of laying down some horsepower. I was running flat pedals, which allowed me to put my foot down through the corners, and I think that made a difference from the guys who had to clip and unclip.

### Results

#### Final

- 1 Brian Lopes (USA) GT
- 2 Michal Prokop (Cze) Author
- 3 Filip Polc (Svk) Gravity Group
- 4 Gee Atherton (GBr) Animal Commencal

#### Small final

- 5 Jared Graves (Aus)
- 6 Jakub Hnidak (Cze)
- 7 Mickael Deldycke (Fra)
- 8 Thomas Todtli (Sui)

#### 1/4 Finals

- 9 Bryn Atkinson (Aus)
- 10 Michael Hannah (Aus) Cannondale The Cut
- 11 Guido Tschugg (Ger) Ssangyong-Fusion Pro Team
- 12 Cedric Gracia (Fra)
- 13 Scott Beaumont (GBr) Rocky Mountain Uk
- 14 Jurg Meijer (Ned) Dolphin Bike Team
- 15 Romain Saladini (Fra)
- 16 Johannes Fischbach (Ger) Ghost International Racin

#### 1/8 Finals

- 17 Kamil Tatarkovic (Cze) Kona Les Gets
- 18 Dan Atherton (GBr) Animal Commencal
- 19 Matej Vitko (Svk)
- 20 William Evans (GBr)

21 Elias Somvi (Ita) Playbiker - Iron Horse  
22 Sidney Gerber (Sui)  
23 Arne Tschugg (Ger)  
24 Rafael Alvarez De Lara Lu (Esp)  
25 Reto Schmid (Sui)  
26 Matej Stapic (Slo)  
27 Roger Rinderknecht (Sui)  
28 Joey Van Veghel (Ned)  
29 Nigel Page (GBr) Stendec Racing  
30 Dimitri Jeziorek (Fra)  
31 Nicolas Gspan (Sui)  
32 Stephen Taylor (GBr) Stendec Racing

### **1/16 Finals**

33 Dominik Gspan (Sui)  
34 Manuel Rauch (Sui)  
35 Dale Holmes (GBr)  
36 Adrian Kiener (Sui)  
37 Robin Wallner (Swe)  
38 Sascha Meyenborg (Ger)  
39 Grzegorz Borodajko (Pol)  
40 Daniel Yeomans (GBr)  
41 Carmine Falco (Fra)  
41 Rudiger Jahnel (Aut)  
43 Georg Sieder (Aut)  
44 Tilen Frank (Slo)  
45 Jakub Pytlik (Cze)  
46 Stefan Scherz (Ger)  
47 Peter Fernbach (Aut) Rsp Downhill Racing  
48 Zdenek Nasinec (Cze)  
49 Georg Engel (Aut)  
50 Reon Boe (NZl)  
51 Martin Frei (Sui)  
52 Ludovic Gadois (Fra)  
53 Steve Atkins (GBr)  
54 Thomas Warmuth (Aut) Team Hotec / Rsp  
55 Guido Dracone (Ita)  
56 James Norton (GBr) Stendec Racing  
57 Ghislain Ricci (Fra)  
58 Duncan Ferris (GBr)  
59 Jordan Gould (GBr) Stendec Racing  
60 Peter Roschner (Aut)  
60 Martin Ogden (GBr) Stendec Racing  
62 Tom Dowie (GBr)  
63 Luke Strom (Aus) Ssangyong-Fusion Pro  
64 Richard Cunynghame (GBr) Mtb-DirectCoUk

### **Qualifications**

65 Will Longden (GBr) Team Mbuk Santacruz  
66 Daniel Prijkel (Ned)  
67 Premek Tajchman (Cze)  
DNS Joost Wichman (Ned) Gravity Group  
DNS Aurelien Giordanengo (Fra)  
DNS Andrew Neethling (RSA)  
DNS Michael Garcia (Ned)  
DNS Dave Wardell (GBr) Gt / Burgtec  
DNS Greg Minnaar (RSA) Team G-Cross Honda  
DNS Chris Kovarik (Aus) Ms-Intense Factory-Racing