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September 15: Elite 4X Men Finals, Saladini wins final round as Lopes misses final

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The men's race saw Romain Saladini of France take the final round, after both Brian Lopes (USA) and Michal Prokop (Czech Republic) made uncharacteristic errors. Prokop had a poor start in the final, opening the door for Saladini to take the win.

Lopes admitted that missing the final was his own fault. "I threw it away," he said. "In the semi I was first into the first turn, but I had been seeing that people were going outside and gaining some speed, so I went really outside. I lost too much speed and Prokop went by me and then it was a drag race with Guido (Tschugg) to the next turn. He crashed, so I was set in second, I thought. But my backend slid out on the wall turn, I lost speed again and it let Dan (Atherton) get by me."

Lopes had already won the title, by virtue of three previous wins and a second place, and Prokop cemented his hold on second overall. Jared Graves (Australia) took third in the overall rankings.



France's Romain Saladini on his way
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Results

Big final

- 1 Romain Saladini (Fra)
- 2 Michal Prokop (Cze)
- 3 Dan Atherton (GBr) Animal Commencal
- 4 Karim Amour (Fra)

Small final

- 5 Joost Wichman (Ned) Gravity Group
- 6 Jared Graves (Aus)
- 7 Brian Lopes (USA)
- 8 Guido Tschugg (Ger) Ssangyong-Fusion Pro Team

1/4 finals

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| 9 Kamil Tatarkovic (Cze) Kona Les Gets | 0.56.34 |
| 10 Scott Beaumont (GBr) Rocky Mountain Uk | 0.56.82 |
| 11 Reto Schmid (Swi) | 0.58.54 |
| 12 Michal Marosi (Cze) Rsp Downhill Racing | 0.59.02 |
| 13 Roger Rinderknecht (Swi) | 0.57.39 |
| 14 Tomas Slavik (Cze) | 0.57.65 |
| 15 Rafael Alvarez De Lara Lu (Spa) | 0.57.82 |
| 16 Livio Zampieri (Ita) | 0.59.58 |

1/8 finals

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| 17 Gee Atherton (GBr) Animal Commencal | 0.55.86 |
| 18 Dominik Gspan (Swi) | 0.57.32 |

19	Filip Polc (Svk) Gravity Group	0.57.47
20	Robin Wallner (Swe)	0.58.32
21	Jared Rando (Aus) Giant Mountain Bike Team	0.58.53
22	Jurg Meijer (Ned) Dolphin Bike Team	0.59.03
23	Gabor Vigh-Kiss (Hun)	0.59.19
24	Kyle Strait (USA)	0.59.49
25	Quentin Derbier (Fra)	0.56.98
26	Matej Vitko (Svk)	0.58.19
27	Jakub Hwidak (Cze)	0.58.49
28	Matej Stapic (Slo)	0.59.42
29	Sascha Meyenborg (Ger)	0.59.56
30	Adrian Kiener (Swi)	1.00.40
31	Ludovic Gadois (Fra)	1.00.60
32	Lars Peyer (Swi) Bikepark.Ch Tui	1.00.80

1/16 finals

33	Johannes Fischbach (Ger) Ghost International Racin	0.57.47
34	Amiel Cavalier (Aus) Giant Mountain Bike Team	0.57.81
35	Thomas Bubla (Aut)	0.58.09
36	Joey Van Veghel (Ned)	0.58.68
37	Sidney Gerber (Swi)	0.58.84
38	Georg Sieder (Aut)	0.59.07
39	Tilen Frank (Slo)	0.59.18
40	Zdenek Nasinec (Cze)	0.59.42
41	Gabor Deli (Hun)	0.59.53
42	Elias Somvi (Ita) Playbiker - Iron Horse	0.59.56
43	Ales Rogozan (Cze)	0.59.90
44	Peter Fernbach (Aut) Rsp Downhill Racing	0.59.98
45	Markus Pekoll (Aut)	
46	Richard Cunynghame (GBr) Mtb-Direct.Co.Uk	1.00.20
47	Attila Kovacs (Hun)	1.00.30
48	Nicolas Gspan (Swi)	1.00.70
49	Thomas Krainer (Aut)	1.01.10
50	Terry Scarr (Aus)	1.01.90
51	Thomas Warmuth (Aut) Team Hotec / Rsp	
52	Wojciech Koniuszewski (Pol)	1.02.10
53	Enrico Gutsche (Ger)	1.02.50
54	Korak Vitko (Cze)	1.02.90
55	Anze Cerin (Slo)	1.03.20
56	Markus Sedlak (Aut) Mtb Schladming Plana	1.03.50
57	Luka Verstovsek (Slo)	1.03.70
58	Dennis Dertell (Swe)	1.03.80
59	Milan Prischetzky (Hun)	1.03.90
60	Balazs Kutasi (Hun)	1.04.10
61	Peter Roschner (Aut)	1.04.20
62	Aurelien Giordanengo (Fra)	0.57.67
DSQ	Will Longden (GBr) Team Mbuk Santacruz	
DSQ	Robert Kulesza (Pol)	
DNF	Piotr Solarski (Pol)	
DNS	Jakub Hnidak (Cze)	
DNS	Daniel Auerswald (Ger)	
DNS	Mario Sieder (Aut)	
DNS	Bryn Atkinson (Aus)	
DNS	Cedric Gracia (Fra)	
DNS	Michael Hannah (Aus) Cannondale The Cut	
DNS	William Evans (GBr)	
DNS	Christopher Van Dine (USA) Cannondale The Cut	
DNS	Lewis Lacey (GBr)	
DNS	Premysl Tejchman (Cze)	
DNS	Jonas Westmann (Swe)	
DNS	Dale Holmes (GBr)	
DNS	Ramon Antonio Leiva Figueroa (Chi) Ssangyong-Fusion Pro Team	
DNS	Nathan Rennie (Aus) Santa Cruz Syndicate	

DNS Bostjan Volf (Slo) Rsp Downhill Racing
DNS Joze Veber (Slo)
DNS Nico Seidel (Ger)
DNS Jani Podmiljsak (Slo)
DNS Charalampos Chaidemenakis (Gre)
DNS Boris Tetzlaff (Aut)
DNS Greg Minnaar (RSA) Team G-Cross Honda
DNS Duncan Ferris (GBr)
DNS Nathaniel Goiny (Ger)
DNS Luka Novak (Slo)
DNS Florent Payet (Fra) Ssangyong-Fusion Pro Team
DNS Martin Strasser (Aut) Rsp Downhill Racing
DNS Stefan Fernbach (Aut) Rsp Downhill Racing
DNS Manuel Wenzelmeier (Aut)
DNS James Maltman (Aus) Ssangyong-Fusion Pro Team
DNS Marek Pesko (Svk)
DNS Michal Votava (Cze)
DNS Stefan Voitl (Aut) Rsp Downhill Racing
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