

## MTB World Cup XC #6 & DH #5 - CDM

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#### **September 15: Elite 4X Women Finals** **Beerten takes the World Cup title**

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The World Cup Final of 4-Cross saw the first upset of the weekend, when Jill Kintner (GT) missed out on the final, opening the door for Anneke Beerten (Bikepark.ch) to win and take her first overall title.

Kintner came into the final with a slim 40 point lead over her Dutch rival, and the final run would determine the champion if both riders made it into that round - Beerten simply needed to finish in front of Kintner to win the title.



The Netherlands' Anneke Beerten (Bikepark.Ch Tui)  
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Both riders won their quarterfinals with ease, and then there was disaster for Kintner in the semifinals: "My tire slid sideways in some wood chips just before the second corner at the top and I almost went off the track," she said. The American dropped to last in her heat, and only managed to recover one spot before the finish line - if Beerten could make the final the World Cup title was hers.

Beerten did win her semi, and went on to win the final to record a double win - World Cup race and overall title. "This was an awesome day for me; now I have accomplished what I hoped to do this season," she explained. "I was feeling good about this course, so I was thinking 'this could be the one for me'. I knew it was all or nothing this weekend, so I didn't hold anything back."

Mio Suemasa (Japan) was second in the final, followed by Melissa Buhl (USA) and Jana Horakova (Czech Republic). Suemasa took third in the overall standings behind Beerten and Kintner.

## Results

### Big final

- 1 Anneke Beerten (Ned) Bikepark.Ch Tui
- 2 Mio Suemasa (Jpn)
- 3 Melissa Buhl (USA)
- 4 Jana Horakova (Cze)

### Small final

- 5 Jill Kintner (USA)
- 6 Fionn Griffiths (GBr)
- 7 Marielle Saner (Swi) Bikepark.Ch Tui
- 8 Anita Molcik (Aut) Team Hotec / Rsp

### 1/4 finals

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| 9 Rachel Seydoux (Swi)                                | 1.07.51 |
| 10 Diana Marggraff (Ecu)                              | 1.08.11 |
| 11 Helene Fruhwirth (Aut)                             | 1.10.21 |
| 12 Eva Castro Fernandez (Spa)                         | 1.10.33 |
| 13 Angelika Hohenwarter (Aut)                         | 1.10.42 |
| 14 Julia Boer (Hun)                                   | 1.10.53 |
| 15 Neven Steinmetz (USA)                              | 1.13.90 |
| 16 Ramona Stellnberger (Aut) Arb❖ Rsp Downhill Racing | 1.22.33 |
| DSQ Elisa Canepa (Ita) Playbiker - Iron Horse         |         |
| DNS Petra Bernhard (Aut)                              |         |
| DNS Jennifer Makgill (NZl) Ssangyong-Fusion Pro Team  |         |
| DNS Rachel Atherton (GBr) Animal Commencal            |         |