

# MTB World Cup XC #5 & DH #3 - CDM

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## June 8: Elite women downhill

### Emphatic Moseley home win

By Luke Webber in Fort William – [cyclingnews.com](http://cyclingnews.com)

Whereas in the men's race there were two close-calls for the overall win, the women's event saw a return to form for British national champion Tracy Moseley (Kona). After an average start to the season a return home gave Moseley the ideal opportunity to start fresh on a course that has been a favourite for many years now. In the past her victories have been on a very different course - wet, windy and damaged. The dusty, sandy track this weekend which was different in character than anything seen before was not expected to suit Moseley so well - in fact Sabrina Jonnier (Team Maxxis) or Rachel Atherton (Animal Commencal) were the preferred favourites for many.

But Moseley's experience on such a long and physical course was her asset and she used it to exploit big time gaps across the course. Five seconds was the deficit at the end of the race to Jonnier and a jubilant Moseley took her lap of honour in front of a home crowd that powered her to another victory at the Fort.



Tracy Moseley was a very popular home race winner.  
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"It's amazing to get the season back on track, great for my confidence and good timing to get it in front of the home fans too. I'm definitely going quicker now than early on and hopefully I can keep that going through the rest of the year. I haven't yet been to the Worlds track so I'll be riding it blind, but I'm on such a high already I am confident of a good result there."



Who were on great form today.  
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Atherton did not have such good luck in her run with a mistake in the start hut costing time that could never be regained.

"My race went pretty badly from the start, out of the gate I hit one of the poles and broke the beam and stopped dead straight away. I couldn't believe it, it was the worst possible way to start. All the way down I was loose, blowing out turns, but what can you do. This race has fired me up to get it right at the Worlds now, every bad race you learn a little more about yourself - I'm just fed up with having bloody races that I can learn stuff from!"

Sandwiching the two Brits was Frenchwoman Jonnier who regained her World Cup leaders' jersey, but was unhappy with her overall result.

"The race went well today but I ended up making too many mistakes in the top section, I started out too fast and ended up scaring myself! I'm pretty upset with finishing second but Tracy did a very good ride today. The main thing was I took back the leaders jersey - that's the one good thing for today. The Worlds is going to be hard, the same battle between Tracy, Rachel and I as last year though. I like the course over in Italy, fast and technical but it needs some more pedalling!"

## Results

1	Tracy Moseley (GBr) Kona	5.20.87
2	Sabrina Jonnier (Fra) Team Maxxis	0.04.13
3	Rachel Atherton (GBr) Animal Commencal	0.05.93
4	Mio Suemasa (Jpn) MS-Intense Factory-Racing	0.14.73
5	Melissa Buhl (USA)	0.24.33
6	Celine Gros (Fra) Solid Aclass Factory Team	0.24.73
7	Myriam Nicole (Fra)	0.25.23
8	Fionn Griffiths (GBr) Norco World Team	0.25.63
9	Anita Molcik (Aut) 4 Elements Yeti/Hotec/Rsp	0.28.23
10	Kathleen Pruitt (USA)	0.31.33
11	Claire Buchar (Can)	0.31.53
12	Emilie Siegenthaler (Swi) Suspension Center	0.34.73
13	Miriam Ruchti (Swi) Sport Promotion	0.35.33
14	Joanna Pettersson (RSA)	0.40.83
15	Micayla Gatto (Can)	0.41.23
16	Diana Marggraff (Ecu)	0.43.63
17	Katy Curd (GBr)	0.45.13
18	Helene Valerie Fruhwirth (Aut)	0.47.23
19	Emmeline Ragot (Fra) Suspension Center	0.50.23
20	Elisa Canepa (Ita) Playbiker - Iron Horse	0.53.63
21	Floriane Pugin (Fra) Playbiker - Iron Horse	1.07.33

## Teams

1	Santa Cruz Syndicate	117 pts
2	Animal Commencal	93
3	Yeti Fox Shox Factory Race Team	46
4	Kona	40
5	Mojo Orange	37
6	Chain Reaction Cycles/Intense	37
7	Monster Energy / Iron Horse	36
8	Team Maxxis	35
9	MSC Bikes	33
10	Suspension Center	31
11	MS-Intense Factory-Racing	30
12	Solid Aclass Factory Team	26
13	Massi	24
14	Norco World Team	23
15	Team BikeRadar	23
16	4 Elements Yeti/Hotec/Rsp	22
17	Playbiker - Iron Horse	21
18	Subaru Mountain Bike Pro Team	20
19	Sport Promotion	18
20	Commencal - Furious - Oakley Team	16
21	GT Bicycle	13
22	Kenda Tomac	11
23	Team Pyrenees Morewood	9
24	Lapierre Dh Powered By Saab Salomon	5
25	Cannondale Factory Racing	2
26	Giant Mountain Bike Team	1