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June 7: Elite women downhill

Jonnier wins third consecutive World Cup

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Sabrina Jonnier's domination of the women's World Cup downhill circuit continued when the Team Maxxis-Rocky Mountain Bicycles rider took her third consecutive victory and led a French sweep of the top five places in Fort William, Scotland. Jonnier retained her World Cup leader's jersey, with the season now half finished.

"It's great to finally win a World Cup in Fort William, one of the best tracks on the circuit - especially after waking up to sunshine!" said Jonnier.

The good weather remained from the previous night of four cross racing, leaving the track fast and loose. Canada's Micayla Gatto was the first to set a sub-six minute time, and her 5:42.72 ride was fast enough to put her into the Hot Seat for nearly half of the race. Her compatriot Claire Buchar (Chain Reaction/Intense) finally knocked a slim three-hundredths off the lead time.



Sabrina Jonnier (Team Maxxis-Rocky Mountain Bicycles)
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Buchar lasted on top for three riders, until Myriam Nicole put in the first of what would prove to be a series of very strong French rides, knocking ten seconds off the best time. However, Nicole's time in the lead lasted exactly one rider before Floriane Pugin (Iron Horse-Kenda) replaced her. Pugin, in turn, was replaced immediately by Celine Gros (Morzine-Avoriaz 74).



Scenic Fort William
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Next up was Tracy Moseley (Trek World Racing), the home favourite. Moseley went off to a good start, posting the fastest time at the first intermediate time check, but then crashed lower on the course, falling out of contention.

There were just two riders left, both French - Emmeline Ragot (Suspension Center) and Jonnier. Both were clearly a step above the rest of the field, with Ragot knocking four seconds off of Gros' time, and then Jonnier completely demolishing Ragot's run by over nine seconds, to claim her third consecutive World Cup win.

Jonnier's win has extended her over Moseley, with 892 points to the British riders 750. Moseley is also being chased from behind, as Ragot has moved to within 25

points.

"It was awesome to be part of an all-French girl podium," said Jonnier, who credited her new Rocky Mountain Flatline WC as a key to her success. "I made the right choice with my front and rear [tires] today, too."

Results

1	Sabrina Jonnier (Fra)	Team Maxxis-Rocky Mountain Bicycles	5.17.65
2	Emmeline Ragot (Fra)	Suspension Center	0.09.02
3	Céline Gros (Fra)	Morzine-Avoriaz 74	0.12.95
4	Floriane Pugin (Fra)	Iron Horse-Kenda-Playbiker	0.13.70
5	Myriam Nicole (Fra)		0.14.10
6	Mio Suemasa (Jpn)		0.15.19
7	Tracy Moseley (GBr)	Trek World Racing	0.15.51
8	Claire Buchar (Can)	Chain Reaction Cycles/Intense	0.25.04
9	Micayla Gatto (Can)		0.25.07
10	Emilie Siegenthaler (Swi)	Scott 11	0.25.37
11	Melissa Buhl (USA)		0.27.54
12	Fionn Griffiths (GBr)	Norco World Team	0.31.63
13	Anita Molcik (Aut)		0.32.88
14	Katy Curd (GBr)		0.33.93
15	Miriam Ruchti (Swi)	Team Vario Racing	0.38.04
16	Joanna Petterson (RSA)		0.39.35
17	Harriet Rucknagel (Ger)		0.45.94
18	Sarah Newman (GBr)		0.48.18
19	Sophie Borderes (Fra)		0.48.27
20	Jessica Stone (GBr)	2Stagefactory	0.52.16

Teams

1	Santa Cruz Syndicate	90 pts
2	Yeti Fox Shox Factory Race Team	54
3	GT Bicycles	49
4	Scott 11	49
5	Team Maxxis-Rocky Mountain Bicycles	47
6	Monster Energy / Specialized / Mad Catz	44
7	Trek World Racing	44
8	MS Evil Racing	42
9	Chain Reaction Cycles/Intense	40
10	Suspension Center	35
11	Morzine-Avoriaz 74	32
12	Animal Commencal	30
13	Iron Horse-Kenda-Playbiker	30
14	Lapierre Powered By Saab Salomon	21
15	Norco World Team	19
16	Massi	18
17	Subaru Mountain Bike Pro Team	16
18	Team Vario Racing	16
19	Duncan Riffle Racing	12
20	2Stagefactory	11
21	Ancillotti Doganaccia Racing Team	6
22	Dytech DH	4
23	Kona	2
