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May 10: Elite women downhill

Jonnier dedicates home turf victory to mum

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Sabrina Jonnier (Maxxis-Rocky Mountain) gave the crowd a French win in the women's category, as she decisively beat World Cup leader Tracy Moseley (Trek World Racing) by over five seconds. North American rider Melissa Buhl (KHS) finished eighth, while Canada's Micayla Gatto was 19th.

"I'm super happy to give Maxxis-Rocky Mountain its first World Cup win," said Jonnier. "I dedicated my race to my mum, whose dad just passed away. Thanks to Maxxis, Rocky and the team for all their support."

"Even though Tracy won the qualifying, I was still very confident, and very happy to win in France," she said. "It was a very important win for because it is my first win in a year, and I wanted to show that I am still one of the best downhillers."

The short course required the skills of an all around rider to perform well, with fast pedaling and jumping sections at the top, followed by steep, technical and rocky sections in the lower half. Many a rider started out fast, only to lose precious seconds in the final third of the 1.2 kilometre course.



Sabrina Jonnier
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Tracy Moseley (Trek World Racing)
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Buhl set the first sub 2:40 time for the women at 2:38.54, and the fastest time through the speed trap of 56.89 kph. However she was quickly overtaken by Fionn Griffiths (Norco World Team). Three riders later, it was the veteran French rider Celine Gros taking another six-tenths of a second off the leading time.

Gros barely had time to realise she was in the lead before her compatriot Myriam Nicole obliterated her time by nearly three seconds. Former Junior World Champion Emmeline Ragot (Suspension Center) and Japan's Mio Suemasa both came within a second of Nicole, but the young Frenchwoman was still in the lead with two riders to go - Jonnier and Moseley, who had qualified first and would ride last.

Jonnier was perfect throughout her ride, setting the fastest splits at both the first and second intermediate stations, recording the only sub-2:30 time of the day in the women's race, at 2:28.57. Moseley, who had been unbeaten in competition this year up until this point managed to knock Nicole down to third, but was clearly not at the same level as her rival Jonnier today.

In the women's standings, it is Moseley still in front with 460 points, but Jonnier has moved into second, 68 points back, followed by Ragot, a distant 125 points in arrears. Buhl is seventh, with Canada's Claire Buchar (Chain Reaction/Intense) dropping from fifth to ninth after not racing round two due to illness.

Results

1	Sabrina Jonnier (Fra)	Team Maxxis-Rocky Mountain Bicycles	2.28.57
2	Tracy Moseley (GBr)	Trek World Racing	0.05.02
3	Myriam Nicole (Fra)		0.06.21
4	Mio Suemasa (Jpn)		0.06.79
5	Emmeline Ragot (Fra)	Suspension Center	0.07.32
6	Celine Gros (Fra)	Morzine-Avoriaz 74	0.08.93
7	Fionn Griffiths (GBr)	Norco World Team	0.09.55
8	Melissa Buhl (USA)		0.09.97
9	Floriane Pugin (Fra)	Iron Horse-Kenda-Playbiker	0.10.01
10	Emilie Siegenthaler (Swi)	Scott 11	0.12.72
11	Petra Bernhard (Aut)	Ancillotti Doganaccia Racing Team	0.13.49
12	Miriam Ruchti (Swi)	Team Vario Racing	0.13.51
13	Joanna Petterson (RSA)		0.15.94
14	Diana Marggraff (Ecu)		0.17.41
15	Helen Gaskell (GBr)		0.18.10
16	Anita Molcik (Aut)		0.18.97
17	Jessica Stone (GBr)	2Stagefactory	0.22.64
18	Antje Kramer (Ger)		0.22.69
19	Micayla Gatto (Can)		0.23.09
20	Caroline Sax (Fra)		0.28.52
	DNF Danice Uyesugi (Can)		

Teams

1	Trek World Racing	79 pts
2	Santa Cruz Syndicate	73
3	Monster Energy / Specialized / Mad Catz	65
4	GT Bicycles	46
5	Team Maxxis-Rocky Mountain Bicycles	40
6	Yeti Fox Shox Factory Race Team	39
7	Scott 11	34
8	MS Evil Racing	29
9	Animal Commencal	28
10	Suspension Center	28
11	Morzine-Avoriaz 74	26
12	MSC Bikes	24
13	Norco World Team	24
14	2Stagefactory	24
15	Iron Horse-Kenda-Playbiker	22
16	Ancillotti Doganaccia Racing Team	20
17	Specialized Team America	20
18	Kenda Morewood	19
19	Team Vario Racing	19
20	Chain Reaction Cycles/Intense	18
21	Ghost A.T.G. Pro Team	9
22	Lapierre Powered By Saab Salomon	8
23	Massi	8
24	Duncan Riffle Racing	5