Moseley moves up with downhill win

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Briton's victory pushes her to second in World Cup, Jonnier claims overall



Mio Suemasa (Image credit: Tour of Japan)

The 2009 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup concluded on Sunday in Schladming, Austria, with the downhill. World Cup leader Sabrina Jonnier (Maxxis-Rocky Mountain) had to settle for fourth on the day behind Tracy Moseley (Trek World Racing).

Jonnier had already won the women's title, with six wins in the first seven races, but she was still hoping to close out the season with a seventh victory. Unfortunately for her, Moseley, who won the opening round in April in Pietermaritzburg, was on fire after a relatively poor qualifying run on Friday.

"I've never done well here before," said Moseley.
"I always struggle with the length and the steepness, and it was like that all week in

training, so I was thinking that the best I would be able to manage was top three. So, this was a real surprise for me. The course had dried up a lot from earlier in the week, but the top sections were still greasy, and there were huge holes in the track from practice; this was the roughest, toughest Schladming I've ever done."

Moseley took the lead from Canadian champion Claire Buchar (Chain Reaction/Intense) with a time of 4:54.73 . Neither the world champion, Emmeline Ragot (Suspension Centre), nor Jonnier could come within five seconds of Moseley's time. The fastest qualifier, Floriane Pugin (Iron Horse-Kenda-Playbiker) came closest, 0.84 seconds back, followed by the French national champion, Cecile Gros (Morzine-Avoriaz 74).

Moseley's win was enough to move her into second overall behind Jonnier, bumping Ragot down to third in the final standings.

Jonnier's knowledge that she had already won the World Cup title certainly helped with her mental state. "I was definitely more relaxed, knowing that it was all decided, but I still wanted to win today. Unfortunately, I just couldn't put it together. I had too many mistakes, a lot of little mistakes."

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Rider Name (Country) Team

1	Tracy Moseley (GBr) Trek World Racing		0:04:54.73		
2	Floriane Pugin (Fra) Iron Horse-Kenda-Playbiker		0:00:00.84		
3	Celine Gros (Fra) Morzine-Avoriaz 74		0:00:01.79		
4	Sabrina Jonnier (Fra) Team Maxxis-Rocky Mountain Bicycles		0:00:04.98		
5	Mio Suemasa (Jpn)		0:00:05.14		
6	Petra Bernhard (Aut) Ancillotti Doganaccia Racing Team		0:00:08.26		
7	Emmeline Ragot (Fra) Suspension Center		0:00:10.13		
8	Claire Buchar (Can) Chain Reaction Cycles/Intense		0:00:13.24		
9	Miriam Ruchti (Swi) Team Vario Racing		0:00:14.45		
10	Anita Ager-Wick (Nor)		0:00:16.10		
11	Anita Molcik (Aut) Yeti Fox Shox Factory Race Team		0:00:19.85		
12	Anais Pajot° (Fra) Team Sunn		0:00:20.48		
13	Katy Curd (GBr)		0:00:20.67		
14	Harriet Rucknagel (Ger)		0:00:23.69		
15	Jessica Stone (GBr) 2Stagefactory		0:00:37.36		
16	Caroline Sax (Fra)		0:00:37.58		
17	Helen Gaskell (GBr)		0:00:40.46		
18	Nicole Beege (Ger)		0:00:45.12		
19	Darian Harvey (USA)		0:01:47.65		
DNS	Fionn Griffiths (GBr) Norco World Team				
Teams					
	Rider Name (Country) Team	Result			
1	Yeti Fox Shox Factory Race Team	85		pts	
2	Santa Cruz Syndicate	79			
3	Monster Energy / Specialized / Mad Catz	68			
4	Trek World Racing	66			
5	Team Maxxis-Rocky Mountain Bicycles	52			
6	Iron Horse-Kenda-Playbiker	35			
7	Ancillotti Doganaccia Racing Team	35			
8	Morzine-Avoriaz 74	32			
9	Scott 11	31			
10	Solid Aclass Factory Team	27			
11	Suspension Center	24			
12	Chain Reaction Cycles/Intense	23			
13	Team Vario Racing	22			
14	Subaru Mountain Bike Pro Team	22			

Result

15	MSC Bikes	21
16	GT Bicycles	21
17	Team Sunn	19
18	Animal Commencal	18
19	Kenda Morewood	16
20	2Stagefactory	16
21	Kona	14
22	Massi	6
23	Lapierre Powered By Saab Salomon	1