

Ragot tops women's downhill

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Jonnier extends World Cup lead with silver over Moseley



Claire Buchar (Chain Reaction Cycles/Intense). (Image credit: Tour of Japan)

Emmeline Ragot (Suspension Center) took her second successive World Cup victory in two weekends in round five of the women's Downhill World Cup in Val di Sole, Italy, tightening the overall standings and denying Sabrina Jonnier (Maxxis-Rocky Mountain) a chance to lock down the women's title

Japan's Mio Suemasa set the first fast time for the women, and would claim the Hot Seat until the final five riders made their runs. Myriam Nicole (Commencal Superiders) took the lead by five seconds from Suemasa, but only held it for a few minutes before Jonnier came down over 10 seconds faster.

Next was Tracy Moseley (Trek World Racing), but she could only slot in behind Jonnier. Finally, it was World Champion Ragot, the fastest qualifier, who knocked another 2.4 seconds from Jonnier's time to claim the victory.

With her victory, Ragot moves from second to third behind Jonnier in the overall standings, 175 points behind her rival. While Jonnier still holds a commanding lead, it is by no means a sure thing, since a victory by Ragot and a poor showing by Jonnier could still cause an upset.

"I think my ride was okay," said Ragot. "I didn't make a lot of mistakes, but I thought I had flatted my tyre on the first part, because the ground was so soft.

"My strategy was to just be smart, don't do crazy stuff. Just try to stay smooth on the bike. Don't go like crazy. And it worked, it went so good, that maybe I will try that for the World Championships."

"Sabrina has a lot of points, and I missed the first race and crashed in the next two," said Ragot. "So now I am second, but I don't know how it will go from there. But, I am feeling good and I have a new bike; I've only ridden it twice now [qualifying and final] and it rode well."

#	<i>Rider Name (Country) Team</i>	<i>Result</i>
1	Emmeline Ragot (Fra) Suspension Center	0:03:59.75
2	Sabrina Jonnier (Fra) Team Maxxis-Rocky Mountain	0:00:02.40
3	Tracy Moseley (GBr) Trek World Racing	0:00:06.50
4	Myriam Nicole (Fra) Commencal Superiders	0:00:12.79
5	Floriane Pugin (Fra) Scott 11	0:00:13.67
6	Mio Suemasa (Jpn)	0:00:17.78
7	Claire Buchar (Can) Chain Reaction Cycles/Intense	0:00:18.80
8	Céline Gros (Fra) Morzine-Avoriaz/Haute-Savoie	0:00:21.06
9	Emilie Siegenthaler (Swi) Scott 11	0:00:21.66
10	Manon Carpenter ^o (GBr)	0:00:25.37
11	Miriam Ruchti (Swi) Dr-Gravity Union	0:00:33.46
12	Micayla Gatto (Can)	0:00:34.70
13	Petra Bernhard (Aut) RC Alpine Commencal Austria	0:00:35.13
14	Jessica Stone (GBr)	0:00:36.14
15	Joanna Petterson (RSA)	0:00:38.05
16	Caroline Sax (Fra)	0:00:44.41
17	Morgane Charre (Fra)	0:00:47.36
18	Mélanie Pugin (Fra)	0:00:59.98
19	Nicole Beege (Ger)	0:01:02.68
20	Harriet Rucknagel (Ger)	0:01:02.85

Teams

#	Rider Name (Country) Team	Result	
1	Santa Cruz Syndicate	83	pts
2	MS Evil Racing	66	
3	Scott 11	63	
4	Trek World Racing	62	
5	GT Bicycles	59	
6	Chain Reaction Cycles/Intense	59	
7	Suspension Center	40	
8	Team Maxxis-Rocky Mountain	35	
9	Commencal	32	
10	Commencal Superiders	30	

11	Solid Aclass Factory Team	25
12	Giant Factory Team	24
13	Lapierre International	23
14	Morzine-Avoriaz/Haute-Savoie	23
15	Dr-Gravity Union	20
16	RC Alpine Commencal Austria	18
17	Yeti Fox Shox Factory Race Team	17
18	Kona	12
19	XMS Racing Squad	1