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Smoke from the Californian big guns hung in the air at Sierra Nevada after round six of the Swatch-UCI Dual World Cup. Flyin' **Brian Lopes** (USA, *Mongoose*) beat his co-Californian, series leader **David Cullinan** (USA, *Schwinn-Toyota*), in spectacular fashion to take his second win of the series - his second world cup win in a row.



The women's race was a more mixed bag, when **Katrina Miller** (AUS, *Jamis*) beat **Sabrina Jonnier** (FRA, *Sintesi Verlicchi*) in a final run where the Frenchwoman got seriously injured in a crash and was unable to receive her second place medal. With huge crowds, perfect weather and amazing competition, this was by far the craziest Dual event of the year.

Staccato Cycling

Saturday evening hosted this increasingly popular Swatch Dual World Series, held on a short but bumpy course designed by Glen Jacobs. Runs took approximately 20 seconds, but several line options provided fast passing opportunities.

The course began with a drop into a bump section, followed by a couple turns, more bumps and then a huge double jump. After a right sweeper and another deep double, riders ended their runs in the downhill finish arena adjacent to the Sierra Nevada village buildings. Several thousand spectators took advantage of the region's weather



and late sunset to cheer loudly for these side-by-side duallists. Indeed, this was the largest crowd seen so far this season.



A live television broadcast filmed Lopes defeating Cullinan in a hectic final run of the knock-out (single-elimination) contest. Half way down the course the two finalists crashed into each other and both landed on the dusty ground. Lopes was the first to pick up his bike and continue, taking the day's title while Cullinan held onto the white leader's jersey. **Scott Beaumont** (GBR, Kona) won the consolation ride-off for third place.



In the women's final run, points leader Miller and downhill ace Jonnier also crashed on the course, but in this pile-up Jonnier was injured seriously enough to be taken off the course in a stretcher. Miller stopped her run and waited with Jonnier as medical personnel attended to her, finally rolling down the course for the day's title after Jonnier was taken to the hospital. Jonnier's condition was not known at the time of writing. **Lisa Sher** (USA, Rotec) won the consolation ride-off for third place.

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