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Miller Injured, Lopes Extends His Lead

Australia's Dual Superwoman, **Katrina Miller**, sprained an ankle while training on the downhill course at Squaw Valley today. Even though she was forced to miss the fifth round of the Swatch Dual, Miller retains her series lead. **Tara Llanes (USA)** won comfortably from **Leigh Donovan (USA)**. In a repeat of the the round-four final, two weeks ago, **Brian Lopes (USA)** defeated his compatriot **Eric Carter**, and so pulls further ahead in the series.

While Lopes had an untroubled path to the winner's prize, rivals **Mike King (USA)** and **Karim Amour (FRA)** again had an explosive clash after a bad-tempered meeting at Maribor, Slovenia, in round two of the series. King was disqualified by the commissaires for riding off the course after clipping Amour's wheel. Amour went on to finish third, and keeps his fourth place in the overall standings, one ahead of King.

The women's race, fielded a disappointing start list, only nine riders, which was further weakened by Miller's absence. Llanes made no mistake, however, and capitalized on this opportunity to put pressure on Donovan and Miller for the series win.

With three rounds remaining, Llanes is now on 140 points, Leigh Donovan on 150, and Miller on 200. But with 50 points for the win, Miller can scarce afford to miss the forthcoming rounds at Mont-Sainte-Anne and Bromont, three and four weeks, respectively, from now.

At this stage it is too early to say just how badly her ankle is damaged.





<i>place</i>	<i>bib</i>	<i>name</i>	<i>nom</i>	<i>nat</i>	<i>points</i>	<i>UCIcode</i>
1	1	LLANES	TARA	USA	50	USA19761128
2	2	DONOVAN	LEIGH	USA	40	USA19711112
3	3	JÖRGENSEN	SARI	SUI	30	SUI19800725
4	4	MORTIMER	HELEN	GBR	20	GBR19760801
5	5	QUIN	VANESSA	NZL	10	NZL19761015
5	6	SHER	LISA	USA	10	USA19690419
5	7	MUXLOW	TAI-LEE	AUS	10	AUS19730502
5	8	ELLIOTT	CHERI	USA	10	USA19700417
9	9	BONAZZI	GIOVANNA	ITA	0	ITA19660724