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Lopes, Miller Win Dual Round Five

Brian Lopes (USA, Fox/GT) and **Katrina Miller** (AUS, Jamis) won their final runs of the Dual Saturday evening, to take the victory in round five of the **Tissot-UCI Mountain Bike World Cup Dual Series**. While for Lopes it was his fourth win of the season, it was Miller's first - as the two dominated wet and muddy conditions in *Leysin, Switzerland*.



Katrina Miller, AUS

Katrina Miller (AUS, Jamis) - who qualified second - took a bit of luck in her win against top-qualifier **Sabrina Jonnier** (FRA, RSP Import Intense) in the women's final run, as the two faced each other after several single-elimination rounds of racing. Miller made the finals by first beating **Katja Repo** (FIN, Team GT) and then last week's winner **Leigh Donovan** (USA, Schwinn) - sending Donovan to the consolation round.

Jonnier, meanwhile, beat **Celine Gros** (FRA, Scott USA) in the semi-finals to earn her trip to the finals, sending Gros to face Donovan in the consolation round. Donovan had the faster inside line for the start of that round, but Gros was able to get around her and win, for 3rd place.

In the final it was Jonnier with the fast inside line and early lead. Miller then got slowed down by a hay bail that marked the course, and the race was all but over at that point. But then Jonnier made a mistake near the end of the run, sliding out in the mud and losing her lead over Miller, who came storming back. Then, as Jonnier took the slower route down a road jump, Miller flew over the jump and overtook the lead just meters from the finish - earning her first win of the season.

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<i>Rank</i>	<i>Bib</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Surname</i>	<i>Firstname</i>	<i>Nat</i>	<i>Team</i>
1	2	AUS19750915	MILLER	Katrina	AUS	TEAM JAMIS
2	1	FRA19810819	JONNIER	Sabrina	FRA	FRANCE
3	5	FRA19830128	GROS	Celine	FRA	SCOTT USA
4	3	USA19681211	DONOVAN	Leigh	USA	SCHWINN
5	4	USA19761128	LLANES	Tara	USA	YETI - PEARL IZUMI
6	6	GBR19820827	GRIFFITHS	Fionn	GBR	ANCILLOTTI UK ZEAL
7	7	FIN19730304	REPO	Katja	FIN	TEAM GT
8	8	CZE19780621	KURANDOVA	Helena	CZE	KANGAROO
9	9	ECU19840319	MARGGRAFF	Diana	ECU	ECUADOR