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April 27: Elite women cross country

Kalentieva comes back

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Irina Kalentieva, World Champion is back on top of the World Cup following an emphatic victory today at a hot and dry Offenburg. Tackling six full laps and a start loop over 100 elite women took to the line which at first resembled an off road criterium.

Georgia Gould led out from the start and by the first singletrack an endless line of riders fired through something that typified the course ♦ anyone with a poor start would be queuing and making the best of minimal overtaking opportunities.

One of these riders was last week's winner Ren Chengyuan who was down in the thirties following a poor start. Following a soft tyre last week Marie Helene Premont was taking no chances in the early stages, leading in the singletrack and eventually moving away to form a select group of four riders.



Kalentieva celebrates her first win of the season
Photo: Luke Webber

One casualty of this hot early pace was Gunn-Rita Dahle Flesja who had been suffering with a cold before the race. Not wanting to risk any further illness and wary of what happened the previous year here, she stopped the race after two laps, preferring to stay healthy and keep hopes alive for events later in the year.

Without Dahle the group of four containing Fullana, Kalentieva, Premont and Ying were allowed to get a gap while Gould was paying the price for her early effort. Soon Ying would also fade and the group was only three strong before Fullana was dropped on the fourth lap.

Just Premont and Kalentieva remained and when the World Champion got a slight gap she needed no invitation to attack and open a lead through the fifth and final lap coming home alone to win by 33 seconds over Premont who was surprised with her form.

"We had a lot of snow over winter in Quebec and I haven't done much riding – only jogging so to be up in the company of the top riders and to feel so good is something of a surprise."

Performance of the day however went to Ren Chengyuan. Despite a singletrack loop she took every possible risk even crashing and cutting her lip on the final lap to recover and finish third. It was not enough however to hold her lead in the series which is taken by Kalentieva.

Despite leading for a short time Georgia Gould recorded the best American result finishing 13th, three up on Mary McConneloug. Lene Byberg is also regaining top race form, placing seventh and at one time in the lead group.

Results

1 Irina Kalentieva (Rus) Topeak Ergon Racing Team	2.00.19 (16,36 km/h)
2 Marie-Helene Premont (Can) Rocky Mountain	0.33
3 Ren Chengyuan (Chn)	1.21
4 Margarita Fullana (Spa) Massi	1.39
5 Ying Liu (Chn)	1.59
6 Sabine Spitz (Ger) Central Ghost Pro Team	2.28
7 Lene Byberg (Nor) Specialized Factory Racing	2.33
8 Catherine Pendrel (Can) Luna Womens MTB Team	3.49
9 Elisabeth Osl (Aut) Team Ghost International	4.16
10 Nathalie Schneitter (Swi) Colnago Cap Arreghini	4.37
11 Tereza Hurikova (Cze) Ceska Sportelna MTB	4.58
12 Maja Wloszczowska (Pol) Halls Professional MTB Team	5.06
13 Georgia Gould (USA) Luna Womens MTB Team	5.25
14 Blaza Klemencic (Slo) Giant Italia Team	5.47
15 Cecile Rode Ravanel (Fra) Team Lapierre International	6.07
16 Mary Mc Conneloug (USA)	6.26
17 Petra Henzi (Swi) Fischer-BMC	6.39
18 Kiara Bisaro (Can)	6.58
19 Maroussia Rusca (Swi)	7.16
20 Jingjing Wang (Chn)	7.38
21 Laura Turpijn (Ned)	8.03
22 Wendy Simms (Can) Kona	8.23
23 Katrin Leumann (Swi)	8.47
24 Esther Suss (Swi)	9.08
25 Marielle Saner-Guinchard (Swi) Bikepark.ch BMC	9.25
26 Katerina Nash (Cze) Luna Womens MTB Team	9.37
27 Adelheid Morath (Ger)	9.53
28 Sandra Walter (Can)	10.11
29 Mical Dyck (Can)	11.00
30 Nina Homovec (Slo)	11.00
31 Susan Haywood (USA) Trek-VW	11.38
32 Maria Osl (Aut) SUN	11.48
33 Anna Villar Argente (Spa) Massi	11.54
34 Tanja Zakelj (Slo)	11.59
35 Severine Hansen (Fra) BH - SR. Suntour	12.11
36 Eva Lechner (Ita) Colnago Cap Arreghini	12.26
37 Emiliy Batty (Can)	12.33
38 Dellys Starr (Aus)	12.41
39 Laurence Leboucher (Fra)	12.45
40 Vera Andreeva (Rus)	12.57
41 Alison Sydor (Can) Rocky Mountain	12.57
42 Anna Szafraniec (Pol) Halls Professional MTB Team	13.08
43 Nataliya Krompets (Ukr)	13.12
44 Magdalena Sadlecka (Pol) Halls Professional MTB Team	13.33
45 Laura Metzler (Fra) BH - SR. Suntour	14.11
46 Willow Koerber (USA) Subaru-Gary Fisher	14.38
47 Aleksandra Dawidowicz (Pol) Halls Professional MTB Team	14.51
48 Julie Bresset (Fra) Breiz Mountain 22	15.05
49 Francisca Campos Salas (Chi) Massi	15.28
50 Amanda Sin (Can)	15.38
51 Sabrina Enaux (Fra) Team Lapierre International	16.12
52 Ivonne Kraft (Ger)	16.32
53 Kaytee Boyd (NZl)	16.40
54 Helene Marcouyre (Fra) BH - SR. Suntour	16.59
55 Julie Krasniak (Fra) Team Lapierre International	17.15
56 Maaïke Polspoel (Bel)	17.27
57 Githa Michiels (Bel)	17.51
58 Caroline Mani (Fra)	18.14
59 Hanna Klein (Ger)	18.27
60 Katrin Schwing (Ger) Dolphin-Trek Mountainbike Racing Team	19.08
61 Emma Colson (Aus)	1 lap
62 Janka Stevkova (Svk)	
63 Rowena Fry (Aus)	
64 Jenny Copnall (GBr) Subaru-Gary Fisher	

65	Cristina Mascarreras Sabria (Spa) Conor - Camping La Siesta	
66	Claudia Seidel (Ger)	
67	Zoe King (Aus)	
68	Fabienne Niederberger (Swi)	
69	Barbara Oberdorfer (Ita)	
70	Maaris Meier (Est)	
71	Sandra Santanyes Murillo (Spa) Cemelorca-Seguros10.com	
72	Laure Boulay (Fra) Team CIBF Keops	
73	Sandra Dolcerocca (Den)	
74	Susan Butler (USA)	
75	Kate Potter (Aus)	
76	Tory Thomas (Aus)	
77	Ksenia Chernykh (Rus)	
78	Kristien Nelen (Bel)	
79	Coralie Redelsperger (Fra)	
80	Alexandra Engen (Swe)	
81	Jennifer Fischer (Fra) Team CIBF Keops	
82	Tatjana Dold (Ger)	
83	Katharina Haase (Ger)	2 laps
84	Myriam Saugy (Swi)	
85	Heather Irmiger (USA) Subaru-Gary Fisher	
86	Kathrin Stirnemann (Swi)	
87	Silke Schmidt (Ger)	
88	Daniela Bunzli Rojas (Chi)	
89	Yolanda Speedy (RSA)	
90	Monique Zeldenrust (Ned)	
91	Fabienne Heinzmann (Swi) Dolphin-Trek Mountainbike Racing Team	
92	Oxana Rybakova (Rus)	
93	Hanna Israel (Fra)	
94	Marie Kunst (Den)	
95	Evgenia Belozerova (Rus)	
96	Katherine O'Shea (Aus)	
97	Nina Kunz (Ger)	3 laps
98	Karen Brouwer (Ned)	
99	Iryna Slobodyan (Ukr)	
100	Nicole Lechl (Ger) Team XLC Haibike	
101	Janine Droz (Swi)	
102	Therese Rhodes (Aus)	
103	Berengere Boes (Fra) Breiz Mountain 22	
104	Sofia Shashova (Rus) Format-Udmurtia	4 laps
105	Elisabeth Mottet (Bel) Windose Houffalize	5 laps

Teams

1	Luna Womens MTB Team	46 pts
2	Topeak Ergon Racing Team	40
3	Rocky Mountain	35
4	Massi	30
5	Central Ghost Pro Team	26
6	Specialized Factory Racing	24
7	Team Ghost International	22
8	Colnago Cap Arreghini	21
9	Ceska Sportelna MTB	20
10	Halls Professional MTB Team	19
11	Giant Italia Team	17
12	Team Lapierre International	16
13	Fischer-BMC	14
14	Kona	9
15	Bikepark.ch BMC	6