

Pendrel, Gould go one-two for Luna in Offenburg

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Süss finishes third



Canada's Catharine Pendrel (Luna Pro Team) crosses the line alone.
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This season, every cross country race in the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup has seen a new winner and a new leader for the series. Round three, in Offenburg, Germany, was no different, with Catharine Pendrel (Luna) taking the women's victory, and the overall lead for the World Cup.

Pendrel became the first Canadian rider in three years to don the leader's jersey in the World Cup series. Pendrel dominated the women's race, leading her American teammate Georgia Gould for the first two laps of the five lap race before dropping her on the third to solo in for her first European World Cup win, and the third World Cup victory of her career.

Gould finished second, 28 seconds behind Pendrel. Esther Süss of Switzerland was third, and 2008 World Cup champion Marie-Hélène Premont (Team Maxxis-Rocky Mountain) put a second Canadian on the podium by finishing fourth. 2009 World Cup champion Elisabeth Osl (Central Ghost) took the final podium spot.

After Offenburg, Pendrel holds a 40-point lead over American Willow Koerber (Subaru-Gary Fisher) in the World Cup standings, with three events remaining.

"I knew that I had the form for this," confirmed Pendrel. "The first two World Cups, I had the strength, but I just didn't have the best races that I could have. Here, I had a bit of a poor start, but I was able to make my way up to Georgia by the end of the first lap, and we rode together for the first couple of laps. When I heard that some chasers were catching us, I decided that it was time to go."

Gould went straight to the front at the conclusion of the start loop, opening up a small gap on traditional fast starter Katrin Leumann. It took Pendrel most of the first lap to work her way up to Gould, but when she did, the Canadian champion immediately went to the front to drive the pace. Behind, U23 series leader Julie Bresset (BH-Suntour) and Süss took up the chase, managing to hold the gap to less than 30 seconds for the first two laps, until Pendrel upped the pace.

Koerber, who had been remarkably consistent through the first two race, with two second places, came up short in Offenburg, finishing back in 13th. "It was a day when I just didn't have anything. Some days, you just don't have it," she said. "I'm just glad I didn't get passed more than I did."

Mary McConneloug (Kenda - Seven - No Tubes) finished 10th, putting two Americans in the top-10.

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#	Rider Name (Country) Team	Result
1	Catharine Pendrel (Can) Luna Pro Team	1:37:24
2	Georgia Gould (USA) Luna Pro Team	0:00:28
3	Esther Süss (Swi)	0:00:38
4	Marie-Helene Premont (Can) Team Maxxis-Rocky Mountain	0:01:22
5	Elisabeth Osl (Aut) Central Pro Team	0:02:12
6	Julie Bresset* (Fra) BH-Suntour	0:02:38
7	Eva Lechner (Ita) Colnago Arreghini Sudtirol	0:03:18
8	Irina Kalentieva (Rus) Topeak Ergon Racing Team	0:03:33
9	Katrin Leumann (Swi)	
10	Mary Mcconneloug (USA)	0:03:44
11	Blaza Klemencic (Slo) Felt Oetzal X-Bionic Team	0:04:00
12	Sabine Spitz (Ger) Central Pro Team	0:04:16
13	Willow Koerber (USA) Subaru-Gary Fisher	0:04:56
14	Anna Szafraniec (Pol) JBG-2 Professional MTB Team	0:05:03
15	Marielle Saner-Guinchard (Swi) Bikepark.Ch Scott	0:05:13
16	Nathalie Schneitter (Swi) Colnago Arreghini Sudtirol	0:05:32
17	Tereza Hurikova (Cze) Trek-Lorca Taller Del Tiempo	0:05:39
18	Anja Gradl (Ger) Central Pro Team	0:05:48
19	Katherine Compton (USA)	0:06:30
20	Hanna Klein (Ger)	0:06:51
21	Heather Irmiger (USA) Subaru-Gary Fisher	0:07:14
22	Sabrina Enaux (Fra) Felt Oetzal X-Bionic Team	0:07:18
23	Tanja Zakelj* (Slo) MBK Orbea	0:07:48
24	Margarita Fullana (Spa) Massi Team	0:08:02
25	Anna Villar (Spa)	0:08:26
26	Elisabeth Brandau (Ger)	0:08:50
27	Alexandra Engen* (Swe)	0:08:54
28	Laura Turpijn (Ned) Team Merida Combee	0:09:05
29	Amanda Sin (Can)	0:09:13
30	Annika Langvad (Den)	0:09:50

31	Cécile Ravanel (Fra) Lapierre International	0:10:16
32	Janka Stevkova (Svk)	0:10:21
33	Magdalena Sadlecka (Pol) CCC Polkowice	0:10:49
34	Gunn-Rita Dahle Flesjaa (Nor) Multivan Merida Biking Team	0:11:00
35	Aleksandra Dawidowicz (Pol) CCC Polkowice	
36	Monique Pua Sawicki (USA)	0:11:24
37	Maria Osl (Aut) Fischer-BMC	0:11:39
38	Laura Metzler (Fra) BH-Suntour	0:11:47
39	Barbara Benko* (Hun)	0:11:56
40	Nicola Leary (NZl)	0:12:03
41	Rie Katayama (Jpn)	0:12:11
42	Caroline Mani (Fra) BH-Suntour	0:12:29
43	Paula Gorycka* (Pol) CCC Polkowice	0:12:36
44	Adelheid Morath (Ger) Felt Oetztal X-Bionic Team	0:12:43
45	Fanny Bourdon* (Fra)	0:12:48
46	Evelyn Staffler (Ita)	0:13:14
47	Judith Pollinger* (Ita)	0:13:33
48	Julie Krasniak* (Fra)	0:14:02
49	Silke Schmidt (Ger)	0:14:15
50	Vera Andreeva* (Rus)	0:14:18
51	Emily Batty* (Can) Trek World Racing	
52	Coralie Redelsperger (Fra)	0:14:31
53	Annie Last* (GBr)	0:15:07
54	Nina Homovec (Slo) MBK Orbea	0:15:17
55	Tatjana Dold (Ger)	
56	Ekaterina Anoshina* (Rus)	0:15:26
57	Helene Marcouyre (Fra) BH-Suntour	0:15:37
58	Fabienne Niederberger (Swi)	0:15:40
59	Kathrin Stirnemann* (Swi)	0:15:44
60	Nataliya Krompets (Ukr)	0:16:18
61	Katherine O'shea (Aus) Torq Performance Nutrition	0:16:23
62	Rozanne Slik* (Ned) Team Merida Combee	0:16:25
63	Vivienne Meyer* (Swi) Colnago Arreghini Sudtirool	0:16:29

64	Michelle Hediger* (Swi) Fischer-BMC	0:16:35
65	Ivonne Kraft (Ger)	0:18:46
66	Alla Boyko* (Ukr) Isd Cycling Team	0:18:54
67	Carina Ketonen (Fin) VZW Goeman Scott Cycling Team	0:19:01
68	Kajsa Snihs* (Swe)	
69	Karin Groen (Ned)	0:19:17
70	Lorraine Truong* (Swi)	0:19:24
71	Elena Gogoleva (Rus)	0:20:07
72	Noga Korem* (Isr)	0:20:21
73	Alexa Hüni (Ger)	0:20:49
74	Nicole Hanselmann* (Swi)	0:20:52
75	Nicoletta De Jager (Ned)	0:21:04
76	Virginie Pointet* (Swi) Bikepark.Ch Scott	0:21:34
77	Viktoria Sultanova* (Ukr)	0:22:40
78	Rebecca Henderson* (Aus)	-1lap
79	Anna Oberparleiter* (Ita) Hard Rock FRW A.S.D.	
80	Evgenia Belozeroval (Rus)	
81	Camille Devi* (Fra) Asptt Definitive Gitane	
82	Kristien Nelen (Bel) VZW Goeman Scott Cycling Team	
83	Angelica Edvardsson* (Swe)	
84	Lucie Vesela (Cze) GT Czech Team	
85	Lily Matthews* (GBr)	
86	Joanna Wall (Aus) Torq Performance Nutrition	
87	Camille Pousse* (Fra)	
88	Anne Terpstra* (Ned) Stappenbelt Specialized MTB Team	
89	Sabria Cristina Mascarreras (Spa) Conor - Forallac	-2laps
90	Githa Michiels (Bel) Team Saeco	
91	Joana Barbosa* (Por)	
92	Nadine Rieder* (Ger)	
93	Tanja Starkermann* (Swi) Fischer Junior MTB Team	
94	Louise Blot* (Fra)	
95	Daria Zaitseva* (Rus)	
96	Catherine Lohri (Swi)	

97	Nadezhda Orlova* (Rus)	
98	Kiona Harbers (Ned)	-3laps
DNF	Maike Polspoel* (Bel)	
DNF	Rocio Gamonal Ferrera (Spa)	
DNF	Sarah Bosch* (Ger)	
DNF	Stephanie Wiedner (Aut)	
DNF	Alba Larragoiti (Mex)	
DNF	Asa Maria Erlandsson (Swe)	
DNF	Christina Verhas (Aut)	
DNS	Inbar Ronen (Isr)	
DNS	Corina Gantenbein (Swi) Fischer-BMC	

ELITE WOMEN'S TEAMS

1	Luna Pro Team	75	pts
2	Central Pro Team	60	
3	Colnago Arreghini Sudtirol	39	
4	Team Maxxis-Rocky Mountain	30	
5	Felt Oetztal X-Bionic Team	29	
6	Subaru-Gary Fisher	28	
7	BH-Suntour	26	
8	Topeak Ergon Racing Team	23	
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13	Massi Team	7	
14	Team Merida Combee	3	