

# Wloszczowska out sprints Pendrel in Val di Sole

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## Compton misses out on bronze to Kalentieva



*Maja Wloszczowska (CCC Polkowice) descends through the rocks behind Catharine Pendrel (Image credit: Dave McElwaine/trailwatch.net)*

World Cup standings shuffled once again in the women's cross country after round five in Val di Sole, Italy, on Saturday. There was a fifth winner in five events, with Maja Wloszczowska (CCC Polkowice) out-sprinting Canada's Catharine Pendrel (Luna) to win only the second World Cup of her career. Pendrel regained the lead in the overall standings after losing it a week earlier in Champéry, Switzerland.

The 6.3-kilometre course was dominated by a series of steep climbs which took their toll on the fields. The hot sun made matters worse, as riders wilted in the open grassy sections.

Pendrel, coming off a mechanical-plagued race in Champéry, was determined to have a better day in Val di Sole. She had dropped to third in the standings following the fourth round, 61 points behind the new leader, Eva

Lechner (Colnago Arreghini Sudtiro) and 46 points behind Willow Koerber (Subaru-Trek).

After Koerber led the field out of the start loop and onto the first of four laps, Pendrel went to the front and launched an attack late in the first lap. By the top of the climb on the second lap, she had an eight-second lead on a group containing her teammate Katerina Nash, World Champion Irina Kalentieva (Topeak Ergon), Swiss rider Esther Süss, Wloszczowska and American Katie Compton. Koerber was struggling just off the back of the group, and Lechner had fallen well off the pace.

A lap later, and Pendrel had been joined by Wloszczowska, with the chasers down to Kalentieva, Compton and Nash. Nash was fading, but would hold onto fifth, while Kalentieva and Compton were still less than 20 seconds from the lead duo going into the final lap. This forced the front pair to keep working hard together throughout the lap, until the final flat section, when Wloszczowska launched an attack that Pendrel could not respond to, rolling in five seconds ahead of the Canadian.

"It was my aim to get on the podium," said Wloszczowska, "I really like track here. "But I did not expect to win. It feels really good to win my second World Cup (the first was in Schladming, Austria, in 2008). I got to Catharine on second to last lap and we worked together. So I have to thank her for my win."

Pendrel was disappointed not to win, but happy to come back from her poor showing a week earlier, and take back the leader's jersey.

"I just knew that I could be strong here," said Pendrel. "I wanted to have a strong race after everything that happened last week. When Maja came up to me, it was both good and bad. Good because we could work together on the flat sections, and bad, because obviously she was riding really well. But I'm really happy to take back the World Cup leader's jersey, and now I just want to hold it through the final race."

Pendrel commented that she wants to break "the jersey curse", that has seen every leader this year lose the jersey the race after donning it. She now leads the World Cup with 794 points, followed by Lechner at 740 and Willow Koerber with 735. One race remains in the series, at Windham, New York, in late August.

#	<i><b>Rider Name (Country) Team</b></i>	<i><b>Result</b></i>
1	Maja Wloszczowska (Pol) CCC Polkowice	1:23:00
2	Catharine Pendrel (Can) Luna Pro Team	0:00:05
3	Irina Kalentieva (Rus) Topeak Ergon Racing Team	0:00:14
4	Katherine Compton (USA)	0:00:20
5	Katerina Nash (Cze) Luna Pro Team	0:00:58
6	Esther Süss (Swi)	0:01:15
7	Georgia Gould (USA) Luna Pro Team	0:01:31
8	Marie-Helene Premont (Can) Team Maxxis-Rocky Mountain	0:01:47
9	Nathalie Schneitter (Swi) Colnago Arreghini Sudtiroi	0:02:15
10	Willow Koerber (USA) Subaru-Trek	0:02:30
11	Tanja Zakelj* (Slo) MBK Orbea	0:02:41
12	Eva Lechner (Ita) Colnago Arreghini Sudtiroi	0:02:57
13	Mary McConneloug (USA)	0:02:59
14	Anna Szafraniec (Pol) JBG-2 Professional Mtb Team	0:03:08
15	Marielle Saner-Guinhard (Swi) Bikepark.Ch Scott	0:03:15
16	Katrin Leumann (Swi)	0:04:06
17	Blaza Klemencic (Slo) Felt Oetztal X-Bionic Team	0:04:16
18	Heather Irmiger (USA) Subaru-Trek	0:04:24
19	Elisabeth Osl (Aut) Central Pro Team	0:04:41
20	Cécile Ravanel (Fra) Lapierre International	0:05:23
21	Emily Batty* (Can) Trek World Racing	0:05:53
22	Annika Langvad (Den)	0:06:14
23	Janka Stevkova (Svk)	0:06:26
24	Annie Last* (GBr)	0:06:47
25	Elisabeth Sveum* (Nor) Hard Rocx Racing Team	0:07:04

26	Anna Villar Argente (Spa)	0:07:07
27	Fanny Bourdon* (Fra)	0:07:26
28	Elisabeth Brandau (Ger)	0:07:30
29	Magdalena Sadlecka (Pol) CCC Polkowice	0:07:35
30	Sabrina Enaux (Fra) Felt Oetzal X-Bionic Team	0:08:02
31	Vivienne Meyer* (Swi) Colnago Arreghini Sudtirol	0:08:03
32	Rie Katayama (Jpn)	0:08:07
33	Yolande Speedy (RSA)	0:08:08
34	Amanda Sin (Can)	0:08:11
35	Paula Gorycka* (Pol) CCC Polkowice	0:08:34
36	Sarah Koba (Swi) Giant Swiss Team	0:08:55
37	Qinglan Shi (Chn)	0:09:21
38	Kathrin Stirnemann* (Swi)	0:09:41
39	Hanna Klein (Ger)	0:09:46
40	Katarzyna Solus* (Pol)	0:10:02
41	Chloe Forsman (USA)	0:10:11
42	Rosara Joseph (NZl)	
43	Fabienne Niederberger (Swi)	0:10:34
44	Judith Pollinger* (Ita)	0:10:44
45	Samara Sheppard* (NZl)	0:10:51
46	Daniela Veronesi (SMr)	0:11:06
47	Mikaela Kofman* (Can)	0:11:29
48	Nataliya Krompets (Ukr)	0:11:30
49	Julie Krasniak* (Fra)	0:11:33
50	Michelle Hediger* (Swi) Fischer-Bmc	0:11:38
51	Serena Calvetti* (Ita)	0:11:44
52	Ying Liu (Chn)	0:12:02
53	Maria Osl (Aut) Fischer-Bmc	0:12:23
54	Laura Metzler (Fra) BH-Suntour	0:12:38
55	Rozanne Slik* (Ned) Team Merida Combee	0:13:25
56	Evelyn Staffler (Ita)	0:13:36
57	Virginie Pointet* (Swi) Bikepark.Ch Scott	0:14:08
58	Zhuanzhuan Ye* (Chn)	0:14:52

59	Coralie Redelsperger (Fra)	0:15:00
60	Nina Gulino* (Ita)	0:15:06
61	Nicoletta De Jager (Ned)	0:15:15
62	Catherine Vipond (Can)	0:15:26
63	Stephanie Wiedner (Aut)	0:15:28
64	Sofia Pezzatti (Swi)	0:15:31
65	Alla Boyko* (Ukr) Isd Cycling Team	0:15:44
66	Nadine Rieder* (Ger)	0:15:52
67	Sandra Walter (Can)	0:16:11
68	Karin Groen (Ned)	0:16:25
69	Anne Terpstra* (Ned) Stappenbelt Specialized Mtb Team	0:16:34
70	Lorraine Truong* (Swi)	0:16:59
71	Mariske Strauss* (RSA)	0:17:00
72	Chengyuan Ren (Chn)	0:17:13
73	Kristien Nelen (Bel) VZW Goeman Scott Cycling Team	0:17:20
74	Cristina Mascarreras Sabria (Spa) Conor - Forallac	0:17:34
75	Asa Maria Erlandsson (Swe)	0:17:38
76	Lily Matthews* (GBr)	0:17:53
77	Corina Gantenbein (Swi) Fischer-Bmc	0:18:14
78	Barbara Oberdorfer (Ita)	0:18:36
79	Jodie Willett (Aus)	0:18:49
80	Lucie Vesela (Cze) GT Czech Team	0:19:28
81	Carina Ketonen (Fin) VZW Goeman Scott Cycling Team	0:19:36
-1lap	Katherine O'shea (Aus) Torq Performance Nutrition	
-1lap	Martina Giovanniello* (Ita) Team CBE Tecnoimpianti A.S.D.	
-1lap	Therese Rhodes* (Aus)	
-1lap	Cornelia Schuster* (Ita)	
-1lap	Anna Oberparleiter* (Ita) Hard Rock Frw A.S.D.	
-1lap	Catherine Lohri (Swi)	
-1lap	Noga Korem* (Isr)	
-1lap	Ingrid Bosscha (Ned)	
-1lap	Caitlin De Wet* (RSA)	
-1lap	Kiona Harbers (Ned)	

-1lap	Roberta Monaldini (SMr)
-2laps	Sufen Ma (Chn)
-2laps	Sona Jurkova* (Cze) GT Czech Team
DNF	Githa Michiels (Bel) Team Saeco
DNF	Tereza Hurikova (Cze) Trek-Lorca Taller Del Tiempo
DNF	Laura Turpijn (Ned) Team Merida Combee
DNF	Margarita Fullana Riera (Spa) Massi Team
DNF	Aleksandra Dawidowicz (Pol) CCC Polkowice
DNF	Rocio Gamonal Ferrera (Spa)
DNF	Lesley Ingram (GBr)
DNF	Nina Homovec (Slo) MBK Orbea
DNS	Lene Byberg (Nor) Specialized Factory Racing
DNS	Barbara Benko* (Hun)

### Teams

#	Rider Name (Country) Team	Result
1	Luna Pro Team	87 pts
2	CCC Polkowice	42
3	Colnago Arreghini Sudtirol	41
4	Subaru-Gary Fisher	34
5	Topeak Ergon Racing Team	32
6	Team Maxxis-Rocky Mountain	23
7	MBK Orbea	20
8	JBG-2 Professional MTB Team	17
9	Bikepark.ch Scott	16
10	Felt Oetzal X-Bionic Team	15
11	Central Pro Team	12
12	Lapierre International	11
13	Trek World Racing	10
14	Hard Rocx Racing Team	6