

Bresset takes first World Cup win

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Langvad and Spitz second and third



Julie Bresset (BH - Suntour - Peisey Vallandry) wins (Image credit: Tour of Japan)

Julie Bresset (BH - Suntour - Peisey Vallandry) won her first elite women's cross country World Cup in Dalby Forest, Yorkshire. Annika Langvad raced to second ahead of Sabine Spitz (Central Haibike Pro Team. Eva Lechner (Colnago Arreghini Sudtirol) and Ren Chengyuan (Specialized Racing) round out the podium places.

"This is the hardest course on the World Cup," said defending World Cup women's champion Catharine Pendrel (Luna) and her comment was borne out by the number of top riders who struggled at round two of the cross country series on Sunday in Dalby Forest, in the northeast of England.

The 6.1-kilometre circuit didnot have any particularly long, steep climbs, nor is it at altitude; however, it was unrelenting, especially in the gusty wind that made every open section a struggle.

In the five-lap (plus start loop) women's race, round one winner Ren Chengyuan

(Specialized) jumped into an early lead, with Julie Bresset (BH-Suntour-Peisey Vallandry) leading the chase. Bresset was joined by Pendrel after the Canadian chased back from being caught behind a crash in the start loop. World Champion Maja Wloszczowska (CCC Polkowice), Lene Byberg (Specialized) and Nathalie Schneitter (Colnago Arreghini Sudtirol) were also there.

The young French rider bridged up to Chengyuan on the second lap, and the pair worked together to distance themselves from the chase group. Going into the last lap, Chengyuan had a slight gap on Bresset, and appeared to be on her way to a second consecutive win, however, the Chinese rider inexplicably slowed in the final kilometres, allowing Bresset to ride away to her first World Cup victory and the overall World Cup series lead.

Chengyuan had clearly hit a wall, as the chasers began to reel her in. First the Danish national champion Annika Langvad went by her, then Spitz and finally Lechner, with Chengyuan unable to hold any of their wheels, and barely hanging on for the fifth and final podium spot.

"I was very surprised when Ren slowed down," said Bresset, "but I did not wait, I just went! It is very special to win my first World Cup, and to win the leader's jersey, and I did not expect this. I will just do my best now to keep it."

Race note: Russian Irina Kalentieva (Topeak Ergon) was not in attendance due to a problem with her visa.

Elite women

#	Rider Name (Country) Team	Result
1	Julie Bresset (Fra) BH - Suntour - Peisey Vallandry	1:40:59
2	Annika Langvad (Den)	0:01:03
3	Sabine Spitz (Ger) Central Haibike Pro Team	0:01:06
4	Eva Lechner (Ita) Colnago Arreghini Sudtirool	0:01:22
5	Ren Chengyuan (Chn) Specialized Racing	0:01:24
6	Maja Wloszczowska (Pol) CCC Polkowice	0:01:31
7	Catharine Pendrel (Can) Luna Pro Team	0:01:36
8	Lene Byberg (Nor) Specialized Racing	0:01:51
9	Nathalie Schneitter (Swi) Colnago Arreghini Sudtirool	0:02:05
10	Tereza Hurikova (Cze) Central Haibike Pro Team	0:02:06
11	Marie-Helene Premont (Can) Team Maxxis - Rocky Mountain	0:02:13
12	Sabrina Enaux (Fra) Felt Oetzal X - Bionic Team	0:02:41
13	Georgia Gould (USA) Luna Pro Team	0:02:51
14	Annie Last (GBr)	0:03:00
15	Emily Batty (Can) Subaru - Trek	0:03:48
16	Elisabeth Osl (Aut) Ghost Factory Racing Team	0:04:31
17	Gunn-Rita Dahle Flesjaa (Nor) Multivan Merida Biking Team	0:04:32
18	Nina Homovec (Slo) Orbea Geax	0:04:51
19	Hanna Klein (Ger)	0:04:57
20	Rosara Joseph (NZl) Rabobank - Giant Off-Road Team	0:05:29
21	Anna Szafraniec (Pol) CCC Polkowice	0:05:30
22	Hanlen Karen (NZl)	0:05:38
23	Cécile Ravanel (Fra) GT Skoda Chamonix	0:05:42
24	Esther Süss (Swi)	0:05:47
25	Rie Katayama (Jpn)	0:06:11
26	Alexandra Engen (Swe)	0:06:40
27	Mary Mcconneloug (USA)	0:07:04
28	Aleksandra Dawidowicz (Pol) CCC Polkowice	0:07:11
29	Sarah Koba (Swi) Giant Swiss Sr - Suntour	0:07:24
30	Lea Davison (USA) Specialized Racing	0:07:38
31	Laura Turpijn (Ned) Team Merida Combee	0:08:41

32	Laura Metzler (Fra) BH - Suntour - Peisey Vallandry	0:08:51
33	Pavla Havlikova (Cze)	0:08:52
34	Anja Gradl (Ger) Ghost Factory Racing Team	
35	Blaza Klemencic (Slo) Felt Oetzal X - Bionic Team	0:09:02
36	Katerina Nash (Cze) Luna Pro Team	0:09:05
37	Silke Schmidt (Ger)	0:09:12
38	Amanda Sin (Can)	0:09:17
39	Anne Terpstra (Ned) MPL Specialized MTB Team	0:09:42
40	Heather Irmiger (USA) Subaru - Trek	0:09:45
41	Katherine Compton (USA) Rabobank - Giant Off-Road Team	0:09:48
42	Coralie Redelsperger (Fra)	0:10:11
43	Anna Villar Argente (Spa)	0:10:20
44	Janka Stevkova (Svk)	0:10:53
45	Katrin Leumann (Swi) Ghost Factory Racing Team	0:11:30
46	Daniela Veronesi (Ita)	0:11:38
47	Githa Michiels (Bel) Trek - KMC Trade Team Vzw	0:11:46
48	Tanja Zakelj (Slo) Orbea Geax	0:11:57
49	Rowena Fry (Aus)	0:12:21
50	Sandra Santanyes Murillo (Spa)	0:13:13
51	Mical Dyck (Can)	0:13:57
52	Katherine O'shea (Aus)	0:14:09
53	Maddie Horton (GBr)	0:14:26
54	Maaris Meier (Est)	0:14:38
55	Fabienne Niederberger (Swi)	0:14:57
56	Jenni King (Aus)	0:15:02
57	Melanie Spath (Ger)	0:15:46
58	Maria Osl (Aut) Fischer - BMC	0:15:59
59	Krista Park (USA)	0:16:25
60	Kristien Nelen (Bel) V.Z.W. Goeman Scott Cycling Team	0:16:31
61	Nicoletta De Jager (Ned)	0:17:50
62	Corina Gantenbein (Swi) Fischer - BMC	0:18:18
63	Judith Pollinger (Ita) Infotre - Bi & Esse - Leecougan	0:18:38
64	Stephanie Wiedner (Aut)	0:20:08

-1lap	Amy Dombroski (USA)
-1lap	Gracie Elvin (Aus)
-1lap	Carina Kirssi (Fin) V.Z.W. Goeman Scott Cycling Team
-1lap	Chloe Forsman (USA)
-1lap	Tracy Moseley (GBr) Trek World Racing
-1lap	Lucie Vesela (Cze) GT Czech Team
-1lap	Ingrid Bosscha (Ned)
-1lap	Elliot Caitlin (Irl)
-1lap	Ciara Mcmanus (Irl)
-1lap	Maxine Filby (GBr)
-1lap	Melanie Alexander (GBr)
-1lap	Kiona Harbers (Ned)
-2laps	Anneke Beerten (Ned) Milka Trek MTB Racing Team
-2laps	Sally Gabriel (GBr)
-2laps	Natasha Barry (GBr)
DNF	Lee Craigie (GBr)
DNF	Inbar Ronen (Isr)
DNF	Magdalena Sadlecka (Pol) CCC Polkowice
DNS	Irina Kalentieva (Rus) Topeak Ergon Racing Team
DNS	Lesley Ingram (GBr)

Elite women teams

#	Rider Name (Country) Team	Result	
1	Central Haibike Pro Team	53	pts
2	Colnago Arreghini Sudtirol	52	
3	Specialized Racing	52	
4	Luna Pro Team	42	
5	BH - Suntour - Peisey Vallandry	40	
6	CCC Polkowice	39	
7	Team Maxxis - Rocky Mountain	20	
8	Felt Oetzal X - Bionic Team	19	
9	Subaru - Trek	16	
10	Ghost Factory Racing Team	15	
11	Multivan Merida Biking Team	14	

12	Orbea Geax	13
13	Rabobank - Giant Off-Road Team	11
14	GT Skoda Chamonix	8
15	Giant Swiss SR - Suntour	2