

Kulhavy continues winning ways in Windham cross country

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Schurter and Sauser round out top three



Jaroslav Kulhavy (Specialized) wins the Windham World Cup convincingly. (Image credit: Dave McElwaine/trailwatch.net)

World Cup cross country series leader Jaroslav Kulhavy (Specialized) led the fifth race of the 2011 World Cup in Windham from start to finish. His race was one of true dominance, with the Czech rider able to open a lead on the first climb, stretching it to 11 seconds by the end of the first lap and increasing it every lap from there.

It was a truly dominating performance, affording Kulhavy the luxury of backing off on the final lap but still winning by a margin of 29 seconds over second place. Kulhavy's winning time was 1:35:34 for six laps of the race course, as he took his third World Cup victory of the season.

"This course does not suit me as well as Mont-Sainte-Anne last week," said Kulhavy. "But I decided that I would try to take the lead on the first lap on the climb, and it worked."

With Kulhavy running away from the field, it became very serious business to claim that second place. By lap four, there was a chase group of eight men hoping to claim a podium spot. Marco Fontana (Cannondale) and Nino Schurter and Florian Vogel (Scott-Swisspower) had a small lead over Christoph Sauser (Specialized) and Maxime Marotte (BH-Suntour-Peisey Vallandry), with Burry Stander (Specialized), Jose Hermida (Multivan Merida), and Manuel Fumic (Cannondale) just a few seconds behind.

From this select group, which included current (Hermida) and past (Sauser) World Champions, a fight was going to be waged over the last two laps. Schurter and Stander were the first to gain a few seconds of advantage, with Sauser in hot pursuit as Fontana began to fade.

On the last lap, it was Sauser who made the initial attack, with Schurter responding as Stander and Fontana were dropped. Shortly after this move, Stander left Fontana behind. Schurter and Sauser battled hard through the final descent, with Schurter claiming second place, only one second clear of Sauser. Stander soloed in alone for fourth, 18 seconds behind third place and Marotte hung on for fifth to complete the podium.

With his third win of the season, Kulhavy now has 1110 points in the World Cup series to second placed Schurter's 870. In third place in the points race is Julien Absalon, who decided not to race in North America this or last weekend. Even with only three races to his credit this season, Absalon has 650 points.

#	Rider Name (Country) Team	Result
1	Jaroslav Kulhavy (Cze) Specialized Racing	1:35:34
2	Nino Schurter (Swi) Scott - Swisspower MTB - Racing	0:00:29
3	Christoph Sauser (Swi) Specialized Racing	0:00:30
4	Burry Stander (RSA) Specialized Racing	0:00:48
5	Maxime Marotte (Fra) BH - Suntour - Peisey Vollandry	0:01:14
6	Marco Aurelio Fontana (Ita) Cannondale Factory Racing	0:01:24
7	José Antonio Hermida Ramos (Spa) Multivan Merida Biking Team	0:01:33
8	Stéphane Tempier (Fra) TX Active Bianchi	0:02:39
9	Lukas Flückiger (Swi) Trek World Racing	0:02:49
10	Mathias Flückiger (Swi) Trek World Racing	0:02:52
11	Todd Wells (USA) Specialized Racing	0:03:04
12	Florian Vogel (Swi) Scott - Swisspower MTB - Racing	0:03:24
13	Manuel Fumic (Ger) Cannondale Factory Racing	
14	Thomas Litscher (Swi) Felt Oetztal X - Bionic Team	0:03:36
15	Rudi Van Houts (Ned) Multivan Merida Biking Team	0:03:45
16	Patrik Gallati (Swi) BMC Mountainbike Racing Team	0:03:47
17	Liam Killeen (GBr) Giant Factory Off-Road Team	0:04:01
18	Geoff Kabush (Can) Team Maxxis - Rocky Mountain	0:04:18
19	Adam Craig (USA) Rabobank - Giant Off-Road Team	0:04:26
20	Cédric Ravanel (Fra) GT Skoda Chamonix	0:04:30
21	Jan Skarnitzl (Cze) Rubena - Birell - Specialized Cycling Team	0:04:51
22	Sergio Mantecon Gutierrez (Spa) Wildwolf - Trek Racing	0:04:57
23	Jochen Kass (Ger) Multivan Merida Biking Team	0:05:04
24	Inaki Lejarreta Errasti (Spa) Orbea	0:05:10
25	Matous Ulman (Cze) S&H Superior MTB Team	0:05:14
26	Marc Colom (Fra) Team Newcycling	0:05:18
27	Fabian Giger (Swi) Rabobank - Giant Off-Road Team	0:05:21
28	Ralph Naef (Swi) Multivan Merida Biking Team	
29	Jeremiah Bishop (USA)	0:05:37
30	Martin Fanger (Swi) Giant Swiss Sr - Suntour	0:05:51
31	Kohei Yamamoto (Jpn) Team Bridgestone Anchor	0:06:05
32	Ivan Alvarez Gutierrez (Spa) Giant Italia Team	0:06:41

33	Jeremy Horgan-Kobelski (USA) Subaru - Trek	0:06:56
34	Derek Zandstra (Can)	0:07:04
35	Andras Parti (Hun) Euro One - Cube MTB Team	0:07:13
36	Marek Galinski (Pol) Jbg - 2 Professional MTB Team	0:07:25
37	Pascal Meyer (Swi) Thoemus Racing Team	0:07:35
38	Martin Gujan (Swi) Cannondale Factory Racing	0:07:38
39	Severin Disch (Swi) Thoemus Racing Team	0:07:43
40	Wolfram Kurschat (Ger) Topeak Ergon Racing Team	0:07:54
41	Oliver Beckingsale (GBr)	0:08:08
42	Pierre-Geoffroy Plantet (Fra) Lapierre International	0:08:49
43	Moritz Milatz (Ger) BMC Mountainbike Racing Team	0:09:05
44	Henk Jaap Moorlag (Ned) Rabobank - Giant Off-Road Team	0:09:16
45	Samuel Schultz (USA) Subaru - Trek	0:09:24
46	Lukas Kaufmann (Swi)	0:09:29
47	Carlos Coloma Nicolas (Spa) Wildwolf - Trek Racing	0:09:42
48	Matthew Hadley (Can)	0:09:46
49	Emil Lindgren (Swe) Rabobank - Giant Off-Road Team	0:10:02
50	Lachlan Norris (Aus) Giant Factory Off-Road Team	0:10:06
51	Rotem Ishai (Isr)	0:10:14
52	Adam Morka (Can)	0:10:20
53	Benjamin Wittrup Justesen (Den)	0:10:24
54	Michal Lami (Svk)	0:10:42
55	Sepp Freiburghaus (Swi) Thoemus Racing Team	0:10:43
56	Karl Markt (Aut) Felt Oetztal X - Bionic Team	0:10:51
57	Irjan Luttenberg (Ned) MPL Specialized MTB Team	0:11:04
58	Andrew Watson (Can)	0:11:29
59	Peter Glassford (Can)	0:11:56
60	Jiri Novak (Cze) S&H Superior MTB Team	0:12:28
61	Eric Batty (Can)	0:12:32
62	Spencer Paxson (USA) Kona	0:13:10
63	Niels Wubben (Ned) Rabobank - Giant Off-Road Team	0:14:00
64	Pierre Lebreton (Fra) BH - Suntour - Peisey Vallandry	0:14:19
-1lap	Uwe Hochenwarter (Aut) Muskelkater Genesis Team	

-1lap	José Juan Escarcega (Mex)
-1lap	Cristobal Silva Ibaceta (Chi)
-1lap	Justin Lindine (USA)
-1lap	Seiya Hirano (Jpn) Team Bridgestone Anchor
-1lap	Troy Wells (USA)
-1lap	Travis Woodruff (USA)
-1lap	Michael Broderick (USA)
-1lap	Klaus Nielsen (Den)
-1lap	Nicola Rohrbach (Swi) Elettroveneta - Corratec
-1lap	Cameron Jette (Can)
-2laps	Ignacio Torres (Mex) Turbo Bike Team
-2laps	Christian Bickel (Swi)
-2laps	Marc-Andre Daigle (Can)
-2laps	Leni Trudel (Can)
-2laps	Emmanuel Valencia (Mex) Turbo Bike Team
-2laps	Christopher Hamlin (USA)
-3laps	Michael Mccalla (USA)
-3laps	Alex Ryan (USA)