

(Main pic) Ferguson sticks it to Lejarreta on the final lap
(Below) Traxel leads Wloszczowska



YOUNG GUNS

USA and Switzerland strike it rich with golden performances from Walker Ferguson and Sonja Traxel



World Mountain Bike
on the way to silver
Medallist Florian Vogel
shakes hands with
Team GB's Ben Bull

RESULTS JUNIOR XC

WOMEN

1	Tinau, Spain	1:04:00.00
2	Whitcomb, USA	1:05:40.00
3	Cooke, Great Britain	1:08:00.00
4	Travis, United States	1:08:00.00
5	Travis, USA	1:08:00.00
6	Travis, USA	1:08:00.00
7	Travis, USA	1:08:00.00
8	Travis, USA	1:08:00.00
9	Travis, USA	1:08:00.00
10	Travis, USA	1:08:00.00

MEN

1	Pergande, Italy	1:01:00.00
2	Stamm, Great Britain	1:02:00.00
3	Wright, France	1:04:00.00
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the field of 26 junior men on top one out of them the worst off the start like a bullet from a gun, quickly opening a huge gap with impressive power and speed. Delicately it was about as pretty as work as it was normal to fall. All went long crashes had been.

advising their changes to start steady and build from. There is no need to counter the effects of attacks and the severe course, Letexera's agenda was different, remembering more the tactics he knew Letexera would might adapt in giving his opponents an attack possibility as possible in a race he knew he couldn't win. Clearly Letexera thought he could win it and by the time he had opened almost a minute gap by the start of the second lap, the crowd were beginning to believe it was Richard Iain, with American Walker Pergande was riding a lot

more structured race, riding his way into the pain before unleashing a chase which dropped former rider Florian Vogel as the US Team Director went hunting for Letexera.

Letexera's Liam Kilburn was firing bullets in attack, also having made a tactful start by holding back on the early laps. Holding back his mouth, as it happened, because when the course fell on the last lap's final act, Kilburn found himself with too much of a gap to close and huge still full of power.

As Letexera's lead expanded his he hopes, the jaws written on his face was evident long before Pergande caught him. After a lead split of four tenths, the US rider attacked on the middle of the final lap to open a winning gap of 30 seconds. A disappointed Kilburn, winner of the Belgian medal of the World Cup Junior's race, took 40 seconds out of Pergande on the final lap alone, indicating that a better middle part of the race might have proved decisive but finishing within a minute of the World Champion is still a highly respectable performance. **IM**



Fast Walker

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The first selection of the work came on a hot and dusty Friday morning with the junior women's race. The European leg of the World Cup has seen a highly successful season in this category of women and the title photos - Spain's David de la Cruz and Poland's Maja Wlochowicz - were two of the favorites. The first attack came from Maja Wlochowicz, who was wearing round lenses with her aim in a sting, one of the first victims of the tricky descent, where she had reached in practice and broken her collarbone.

After their successes in the World Cup events, each of these girls knew the relative strengths and weaknesses of the others but some had experienced anything like the UK's Nicole Cooke before. They were all starting away from the gate. Cooke, the UK national road race champion (Drama), although she's only 16, had opened a 30 second gap by the time the race was only half a lap out. Not only the lead but clearly riding more strongly than his rivals, also looked certain to wear Britain's blue over gold as the team returned to find, second lap. Behind

(Photo) David Travis
rides in the blue before
abandoning for his victory
Juli Bull of British team
Cooke takes a few third



Just, David was battling hard with Wlochowicz in the silver/bronze medal positions with finish already out of the picture since 40 seconds down.

Then disaster struck for the British rider. Crashing on the first technical descent early in the lap, Cooke clearly got frustrated and allowed her lead to slip away as Travis and Wlochowicz closed their attack. Then Cooke dropped her chain when attempting the grassy section by the steep climb out, as she struggled to regain it, the twice rider attacked, dragging Wlochowicz with her before attacking the British rider to open a winning gap.

Cooke fought hard to bring it to third while Wlochowicz could never get back on terms with the faster rider who last year took bronze in Jun, however, "I thought the British gap were not too hard from the start," said 19 year old Travis after the race. "I always knew it was possible to catch but I showed when she had problems."

Wlochowicz's celebration with her team on crossing the line underlined the contrasting goal and development of the sport in Poland.

FACTFILE

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CAREER BEST RESULTS

- 2008** National Cyclocross Championships, 9th; National Super Cup Series, 10th overall
- 2009** World Mountain Bike Championships, 23rd; World Cup Series Championships, 28th; National Cyclocross Championships, 8th; SuperCup Series Series Series
- 2010** World Cup Series Championships, 2nd; National Cyclocross Championships, 2nd; National Super Cup Series, 10th overall

