



**UCI Mountain Bike & Trials World Championships 2007
Powered by Nissan Sports Adventure
Fort William, Scotland 03 – 09 September**

Cross Country, Downhill, 4-Cross & Trials Mountain Bike Events
<http://www.fortwilliamworldchamps.co.uk/>

DAILY DIGEST

The Women's Elite Cross Country race is already underway as the greatest festival of international mountain biking ever seen in the UK reaches its thrilling climax today and tomorrow. All the action takes place at the Nevis Range and Forestry Commission Scotland's Leanachan Forest, Fort William - Outdoor Capital of the UK.

Spectators have already seen some fast and furious action since the Cross Country Team Relay and Tuesday's Opening Ceremony, with the majority of the Elite races taking place this weekend. A total of 19 World Championship titles are being contested during the event in the four disciplines Cross Country, Downhill, 4-Cross and Trials.

Saturday's action will continue with the battle for the coveted gold medal, which for so long has been lifted by Gunn- Rita Dahle Fleesja, who will not be racing this weekend. The Men's race this afternoon will see the seemingly invincible Julien Absalon battle it out to retain his World Championship status.

Commonwealth Gold medallist, Liam Killeen (GB) will compete on home soil in the Cross Country despite being out for most of the season due to ill health.

Sunday will see the return of the Downhill race, traditionally the event most British mountain bike fans and outdoor enthusiasts turn out to support, with an anticipated 8000 spectators expected to cheer on Steve Peat and Tracy Moseley as they battle it out against fellow country men to for the opportunity to win bag a World Championship medal on home soil.

American riders Jill Kintner and Brian Lopes delighted the crowds lining the route and spilling into the event arena as the US secured two 4-Cross World Championship medals. More than 6000 spectators cheered the riders through the technical course creating a fantastic atmosphere for the award ceremony as an amazing display of fireworks ended Friday's racing.

4-Cross Results Friday 7 September

Ladies.

1. USA 19811024 KINTNER Jill USA
2. NED19820707 BEERTEN Anneke NED
3. USA19820125BUHL Melissa USA

Men's

1. USA19710906LOPES Brian USA
2. FRA19861010 SALADINI Roman FRA
3. NED19830330 MEIJER Jurg NED

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Editor's Notes

The UCI Mountain Bike & Trials World Championships at Fort William – powered by Nissan Sports Adventure – will be staged from Monday 03 to Sunday 09 September 2007 – For more information - <http://fortwilliamworldchamps.co.uk/>

Event Background

At the World Championships, an annual competition with the emphasis firmly on riding for country rather than for trade teams and sponsors, 700 of the World's top riders from more than 50 nations worldwide will compete across the four mountain bike disciplines of Cross Country, Downhill, 4-Cross and Trials for a total of 19 World Championship titles.

Organisers have estimated that 40,000 mountain bike fans and outdoor enthusiasts will descend upon the idyllic highland setting to watch the most skilled, high octane, adrenaline fuelled mountain bike action ever seen in the UK, bringing an additional economic benefit to Fort William and the immediate Lochaber area in excess of £2 million. They are urging spectators to book their tickets and accommodation now.

Tickets for the Worlds are on sale now. To book tickets visit <http://fortwilliamworldchamps.co.uk/> or phone - +44 (0)1397 705825

Accommodation Booking – A directory of accommodation available in the Fort William and Lochaber area for the duration of the Worlds visit <http://fortwilliamworldchamps.co.uk/> and go to the Available Accommodation section. Alternatively Tel: 0845 2255121 (+44 1506 832121 outside UK) / www.visithighlands.com/ / www.visitscotland.com/ / www.visit-fortwilliam.co.uk

Useful Websites

The UCI Mountain Bike & trials World Championships at Fort William - <http://www.fortwilliamworldchamps.co.uk/>
The UCI (International Cycle Union) – <http://www.uci.ch>
The British Cycling - <http://www.britishcycling.org.uk>
Nissan Europe - <http://www.nissan-europe.com/>
UK Sport - <http://www.uksport.gov.uk/>
EventScotland - <http://www.eventscotland.org/>
Forestry Commission Scotland – <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/scotland> or <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/mtbscotland>

Highland 2007 - <http://www.highland2007.com>
VisitScotland - Adventure sports in Scotland – <http://www.visitscotland.com/adventure>
Nevis Range - <http://www.nevisrange.co.uk>
Outdoor Capital of the UK - <http://www.outdoorcapital.co.uk>
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