



Adam battles to 10th place despite mother nature's wrath

The Giant MTB Team has had its fair share of bumps and bruises recently- Oli's skewered ear in St-Anne, Kelli taking a fall at a recent Vermont Wednesday night race (broken finger), Joe's mystery foot/toe break on Monday, a second crash by Oli in this weekend's race (bruised ribs..ouch!)... even mother nature wanted to take her shot with some epic rain just moments before the men's race was to start. All the boys decided it would be a good idea to wait and see what the weather would do- for sure it was a course made



for the Anthem X- the pick for all three, but what about tires? A biblical proportion of rain about an hour before the start made their minds up... mud tires, STAT!!

Adam, riding his usual ninja lines and a pair of old school WildGrippers steadily advanced to 10th place just before the last lap and held it 'till the end. Carl powered thru 2 flats and tons of mud soaked traffic to land in 33rd position at the line. That was 4th best American on the day for Carl- as he makes his bid for the World's team (to be announced August 13th). Well done boys!!



Rando rips

Jared attended a media launch in Keystone Colorado earlier in the week for the 2010 offering (new goodies? hope so!).... Once back on Wednesday, he was in normal world cup routine with course inspection and practice. Course conditions were extremely varied throughout the practice sessions, going from dry to wet and back again. It seemed that in heavy rain, the track was washed from the greasy mud. However, once the sun came out, the soil became a sticky slippery slimy goo. Rando had a big crash in his qualifying run (but still made the finals), losing several seconds. For finals the track was drying a bit but not enough to be totally mud free, after facing a very challenging track and tough conditions, Jared landed in 21st position, nice work! The World Championships are in Rando's backyard very soon!

One Giant Family

So... over the last two weekends of racing the Giant MTB Team played host for a few Europeans that ride Giant too, turns out they are a talented bunch. Last week, Martin sailed to a 3rd place in the U23 XC. This week Martin- coming back from a mechanical at the start (leaving him in dead last at the end of the first lap) rallied back to take another 3rd place in U23 XC!... podium at U23 worlds?? we'll keep our fingers crossed! The next group of Giant family in the mix was the RSP 4X boys (Joost Wichman and Thomas Slavik)... there hasn't yet been a podium this season they've missed- even better than that, Joost took his 3rd win of the season this weekend! Congrats Joost! (he's now sitting in 2nd in the overall with one race to go). Both will be attending World Champs in Australia... more fingers crossed!!!



Upcoming Events

August 8 US Cup, Mt Snow, Vermont
August 8-16 Crankworx, Whistler, British Columbia
August 15-16 US Cup Final, Windham Mountain, New York
September 1-6 World Championships, Canberra, Australia



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