

## Boyer buoyed by another win

Newcastle mountain biker, Ricky Boyer, continued his domination in the sport of downhill racing by winning the first round of the Red Ass State Series in Thredbo on Sunday, 13 March 2011.

The current national series leader held onto a three second margin over the long 4.2 km course down Thredbo's famous Crackenback Run.

For Boyer, who turns 30 on Wednesday, the win confirmed his current good form.

"It seems to be a bit of a roll on effect," he admitted. "It's good to be in good form.

"I know the course pretty well here. It's always hard. The length of Thredbo is always double the length of everywhere else.

"There was a bit of rain this morning but by the time the elite did their final run we all had similar conditions," he added.

Boyer won the final run in 6 min 22.13 seconds while Canberra's Tim Eaton was only three seconds off the pace to finish second. Eaton, a 26 year old ANU lab technician, had the fastest qualifying time despite riding in damp and slippery conditions.

"Coming second is a good start to the series for me," Eaton said.

"I wanted to give Ricky a run for his money. He's just got the confidence right now— he's on a confidence roll."

Third was Tom Lewis from Orange recording 6 min 32.09 sec.

In the Under 19 division, Joey Vejvoda clocked up an impressive 6 min 36.62 sec run. The 16 year old Bredbo rider demonstrated his versatility after racing the discipline of Four Cross at national level last month to lining up in the final of the state titles in BMX last weekend. Vejvoda was comfortably ahead of second placed Jake Newell while Dean Evans claimed third.

Age was no barrier in the elite women's event with a remarkable win by 16 year old Teagan Molloy from Jindabyne. Despite the wet conditions, Molloy posted 7 min 42.14 sec a full eight seconds clear of second placed Danielle Beecroft

"I wasn't sure how I would go in the mud," said Molloy.

Some home track advantage and knowing the important technical sections may have helped Molloy.



*Rick Boyer on his way to victory in his final "Crackenback" run. Photo: Ronnie Grammatica.*

“I do get to train on this track once a week,” she admitted.

“I like the snakes and ladders section,” she said. “The faster you do it the better. You’ve got to be right on it. I hit them (technical sections) nice and hard. I took a risk.”

Third was RAAF rider, Sarah Booth with a creditable 7 min 55.70 sec.

Newly appointed race series promoter Rocky Trail Entertainment brought the 4X and Dual Slalom state series supporter Red Ass Mexican Food on board as the major sponsor of the NSW/ACT State Series and Championships.

With the new naming rights sponsor, the MTB events organiser has attracted a great line-up of supporters, including the Revolution Magazine, JetBlack Cycling, Verofit Sports Nutrition, The Bike Shed Mortdale, Bernard Beer and Deubel Bicycles.

With major sponsor Albert Bacci from Red Ass Mexican Food racing in the SuperMasters division, the owners of both Bernard and Deubel racing teams got into the competition right away in the first round. Ondrej Slezak, also a dedicated endurance racer, come in fourth in the Expert category, just a bit over one second behind Sebastien Deubel, who raced on his own, custom-built bike for the first time.

“I have been working on the 2UP concept for years and in the past few months I have perfected the geometry and bike set up options to suit both Australian downhill and cross country riding and racing”, says the fast engineer. The French ultra-endurance rider and Mega-Avalanche winner and his Australian wife launched their “2UP” custom-built, all-Australian mountain bike at the Thredbo downhill round and their next race – on the same bike – will be the SHIMANO MTB Grand Prix at Mount Annan, one of Rocky Trail’s popular cross-country endurance races.

With innovative concepts like these and passionate supporters racing themselves, Rocky Trail promises to inject a new level of energy into the downhill state series and championships.

“We are very proud to represent and support the NSW/ACT gravity racing scene and are all set to host the biggest downhill state series in Australia with our partner clubs”, says Martin Wisata from Rocky Trail.

The second round of the four round state series will be held at **Ourimbah on the 15th May**. The state championships will be held in **Awaba on 3rd April**.

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