

## Four seasons in one day as RedAss Downhill State Series comes to a close at Thredbo

With a third place in the Elite Men's field at Thredbo on Sunday, Graeme Mudd is the new overall 2012 State Series Champion of the RedAss NSW/ACT Downhill Series. Ben Cory from Canberra was the day's Elite Men's winner on the longest race track of the series ahead of Jack Moir from Morisset Park and Graeme Mudd. After a thrilling final series race in changing alpine weather conditions and with only 10 points of a gap in the overall series standings, Joe Vejvoda claims the second place after a mechanical upset in his seeding run ahead of Ben Cory in third. Sarah Booth from Newcastle is the Elite Female RedAss DH State Series winner.



He raced four out of the five series races and at all of them he was the fastest man on track during the seeding runs. With two race wins at Wisemans Ferry (NSW) and Stromlo Forest Park (ACT), an 11<sup>th</sup> place in Coffs Harbour (NSW) and a third position at the Thredbo round last weekend, Graeme Mudd is this year's Elite Men's RedAss Downhill State Series winner.

### Overseas race-flashbacks in Thredbo

"I just love racing at Thredbo", said the 19-year old machinist fitter from Maitland at the Thredbo event centre. "It's always a very special atmosphere with the chairlift and all... you get lots of riding in and it reminds me of racing overseas." He admitted that he gave it all during the seeding run to collect valuable points for the final series standings.

The third-fastest final race run secured his series win. Mudd's major competitor, Joe Vejvoda from Canberra, had only been 10 points behind and was seeded in fifth position for the final race run after a mechanical issue. With a sixth place in Thredbo the RedAss/Pivot-JetBlack Cycling racer finished second overall in the series.

Graeme Mudd was happy with his overall series win and being one of the best Four Cross racers in Australia said that he would concentrate fully on Downhill next year. One major goal was to participate in the World Championships in South Africa and to race the National and RedAss State Series with his Lusty Industries/Orange team again in 2013. The team had three riders finishing in the top five of the RedAss DH State Series with Graeme Mudd taking out the top spot and his fellow racers Jack Moir (Morisset Park) and Rick Boyer (Newcastle) finishing fourth and fifth, respectively.



Team manager Rick Boyer was content with team's performance, "On the back of being the most successful independent racing team in the Downhill National series this year behind Troy [Brosnan] and Sam [Hill] I'm really proud of our achievements on the State level." He added that whilst Mudd and Moir are already skilled racers in their own right, he still looked out for them on track and it was an added bonus to train, ride and race together. "We feed off each other, compare race lines and review our GoPro-footage after training rides and races. My focus will shift a bit at the end of this year with our baby on the way, but we'll be racing the national and state series races again in 2013", the 31-year old added, whose wife is expecting their first child in December.

### **Alpine conditions don't bother Cory**

Another downhill-father-to-be, Ben Cory from Canberra, took out the final series race in Thredbo. Seeded in third position Cory was able to withstand the changing weather conditions in the final race run, which kept switching from sunshine to drizzle and even hail and snow throughout the event.



Thomas Crimmins from Bredbo (NSW) clocked in the fastest seeding time of the day and came fourth in the race run. Tim Eaton from Canberra completed the top five podium for the day.

### **Young female talent coming through the downhill ranks**

Local gravity racer Tegan Molloy dominated the female racing field of seven elite and two junior riders. On her home track the young rider from Jindabyne took almost half a minute off 2012 State Series winner, Sarah Booth from Newcastle. "I said to Tegan this morning, if you want to win then on this track", said Sarah Booth, who came in second on the day, later. "It was great to have so many girls out racing with us."

Danielle Beecroft from Londonderry (NSW) completed the top three podium for the Elite Women. The World Cup Downhill racer had just recently received the "Junior Australian Mountain Biker of the Year" award and was excited to be back on her favourite Aussie track after racing overseas and achieving top results, including a third place in Leogang, Austria. With her new Pivot/JetBlack Cycling sponsorship Danielle has big plans to race full-time and attend as many overseas, national and state series races as possible in 2013.

In the overall elite female series, Jo Fox from Penrith and Michelle Crisp from Newcastle came in equal second.

Amazing performances throughout all five series events were displayed by junior female racers Kellie Weinert from Kearns (NSW) and Charlotte Kerr from Balgownie (NSW). Kellie, who plans to move up to the elite category next year took out the series with five straight wins.

**Crimmins and Maggs ready to step up**

Andrew Crimmins from Bredbo (NSW) is the well-deserved U19 RedAss Downhill State Series winner with a consistent performance all year and two consecutive race wins. Reflecting the day's result, Brent Smith from Woronora (NSW) takes out second place in the series and while Conor Bullard from Hackett (ACT) claims third spot in Thredbo, Joel Willis from Lithgow (NSW) comes in third in the series.



Young U17 racer David Maggs from Artarmon (NSW) went into the race in Thredbo with the series title already in his pocket and with a second place behind Connor Mackne from Helensburgh (NSW) Maggs did took out the series title.

Both Crimmins and Maggs are expected to step up to the next level into U19 and Elite Male, respectively for the 2013 Series.

**Thredbo back to back – Series opener confirmed for April 2013**

RedAss NSW/ACT Downhill State Series organisers from Rocky Trail Entertainment confirmed that Round 1 for the 2013 series races will be straight back in Thredbo on the first April weekend in 2013. They furthermore announced that they will be hosting a whole weekend of gravity racing with not only the downhill state round but also their Rollercoaster all-mountain race on the new B-line flow trails, which will open in December this year.



Stuart Dwyer from the Kosciusko-Thredbo team confirmed that new downhill, cross-country and all-mountain trails will be opened at Thredbo soon. “Our masterplan is to have at least 40km worth of new trails, half gravity and half cross country tracks. The new lines off the existing downhill track will be opened as soon as December this year.” He added that the next steps then would be to put in new loops off the existing downhill track by the end of this summer, a 10km cross-country loop by next summer and an additional, longer all-mountain trail, which will be a mixture of gravity and cross country by 2014.

“With 4,000 beds from bed and breakfasts to lodges to hotels, Thredbo is ideal for the entire family. We also have plans for an indoor adventure centre to complement the existing swimming pool and leisure centre”, Dwyer explained.

And also major sponsor Albert Bacci from RedAss Mexican Food is happy to return to Thredbo so soon. "I've always loved Thredbo. I did a few runs down the mountain myself yesterday and I have such respect for all our athletes! I love this sport, because it's so real." He added that he was looking forward to next year's season and working together with Rocky Trail, "The last four years have been a great journey and our involvement with these races has benefitted our brand. It's a wonderful sport and it's great for young people – it brings out the best of them. And to be a part of that brings me a lot of personal pleasure as well."



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**Top Results RedAss Downhill State Round 5**

Thredbo, NSW – 17+18 November 2012

**Elite Male**

1. Ben Cory, Kambah (ACT)
2. Jack Moir, Central Coast (NSW)
3. Graeme Mudd, East Maitland (NSW)

**Elite Female**

1. Teagan Molloy, Jindabyne (NSW)
2. Sarah Booth, Medowie (NSW)
3. Danielle Beecroft, Londonderry (NSW)



**U19 Male**

1. Andrew Crimmins, Bredbo (NSW)
2. Brent Smith, Woronora (NSW)
3. Conor Bullard, Hackett (ACT)

**U17 Male**

1. Connor Mackne, Helensburgh (NSW)
2. David Maggs, Artarmon (NSW)
3. Hamish Cowan, Mt Keiran (NSW)

**U15 Male** – 1. Logan Quinn, Woronora Heights (NSW)

**Junior Female** – 1. Kellie Weinert, Kearns (NSW)

**Veteran Male 30+** – 1. David Sharp, Belrose (NSW)

**Master Male 40+** – 1. Stephen Andreasen, Cromer (NSW)

**Master Female** – 1. Coleen Boyes, Thornton (NSW)

**SuperMaster Male 50+** – 1. Michael Green, Cromer (NSW)

**Expert Male** – 1. Dan Newman, Figtree (NSW)

**Sport Male** – 1. Nathan Parsons, Flynn (ACT)

**Top Results RedAss Downhill State Series – Overall Champions**

5 Rounds, 2012

**Elite Male**

1. **Graeme Mudd, East Maitland (NSW) – Lusty Industries, Orange Bikes**
2. Joe Vejvoda, Canberra (ACT) – RedAss Mexican Food, JetBlack Cycling
3. Ben Cory, Kambah (ACT) - Giant bicycles, Onya Bike Belconnen and Civic, Fox, Vans footwear, Scott goggles, Maxxis tyres, MRP, Maxima oils

**Elite Female**

1. **Sarah Booth, Medowie (NSW) - Kona, SRAM, Avid, Maxxis, Mavic, Raceface, RAAF, Adidas**
2. Joanne Fox, Penrith (NSW) – Cell Bikes
2. Michelle Crisp (NSW) – GIANT Bicycles

**U19 Male**

1. **Andrew Crimmins, Bredbo (NSW) - Giant Bicycles, Sacred Ride**
2. Brent Smith, Woronora (NSW) - Specialized, TWE Wheels, Endeavour Cycles
3. Joel Willis, Lithgow (NSW) - Santa Cruz, Lusty Industries, Bikeminded

**U17 Male**

1. **David Maggs, Artarmon (NSW) – Deubel Bicycles**
2. Tim Kmetyk, East Maitland (NSW) -
3. Josh Pollock, Wahroonga (NSW) - Track X Clothing, OLS

**U15 Male** – 1. Aidan Wynn, Woonona (NSW)

**Junior Female** – 1. Kellie Weinert, Kearns (NSW) – Tight'N'Toned Fitness

**Veteran Male 30+** – 1. Rick Kehoe, Thornton (NSW)

**Master Male 40+** – 1. Stephen Andreasen, Cromer (NSW) - Avanti Plus Narrabeen

**Master Female** – 1. Coleen Boyes, Thornton (NSW)

**SuperMaster Male 50+** – 1. Michael Green, Cromer (NSW) - Team Unicorn, Green Electrical Services

**Expert Male** – 1. Zac Green, Cromer (NSW) - Team Unicorn, Green Electrical Services

**Sport Male** – 1. Alastair Paterson, Dee Why (NSW) – GTS

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