



Niederdorf/Villabassa 12 July 2009

15th Südtirol Dolomiti Superbike

Short Distance 60, 5 km - 1785 Altitude

LADIES

1. Daniela Veronesi, 2:44.15,2

It was the first time Daniela Veronesi entered the Dolomiti Superbike: "Last year I unofficially trained with Pia Sundstedt on this circuit. Obviously it paid off", said the short distance winner. „Originally I wanted to ride in the long distance race, but had a change of plan and that was good. I feel wonderful here so to speak, on a summer recreation after my MTB – Victory in the Small Games of Europe held in Cyprus 2009. As previously stated, I simply trained with Pia without a starting number. We are old team colleagues, but since I ended my Road racing in 2004, we see very little of each other. Since then I have seriously discovered Mountain Biking and am happy to be riding in this magnificent countryside. “

2. Marika Covre, 2:49:00,5

She's not unknown in Niederdorf or at the Südtirol Dolomiti Superbike. She had already won the Short Distance in 2005: „I was even 5 minutes faster than at the time of my last victory. I even found the circuit faster. But Daniela was on top. I knew her back then when we used to ride in Road races and simply couldn't catch up to her today. At Lake Toblach, the 25 km mark, I was fairly far behind and managed to pass Elizabeth Tschurtschenthaler trailing behind Daniela in the race. “

3. Andrea Tasser, 2:56.08,0

The South Tyrolean Andrea Tasser is thrilled about her third position: „I've already been to the Superbike 7 times and never made it to the front. I'm very happy about my Podium placing and enjoy the home advantage I have here in South Tyrol. Three weeks ago at the 24 Hour Two-Mix-Category Race in Munich, I succeed to make second place.

MEN

1. Andreas Laner, 2:19.16,5

The winner Andreas Laner comes from Gais near to Bruneck, rides for the Bren Team Trento and maintained his lead from the beginning of the race: „I got away quite well and at the junction to the long distance I was alone“, confirmed the man from Gais. At Lake Toblach the 25 km mark he was 2 minutes and 47 seconds ahead. „My brother was at the roadside with refreshments and whispered that I had a considerable lead. “

2. Riccardo Milesi 2:22.14,8

The second placed contender comes from Bergamo and cycled with his Team Lissone MTB: „The Race Circuit was perfect today, the temperature relatively low and so the conditions were cool and pleasant. I rode into the village and only had my Team colleague Stefano behind me. “

3. Stefano Bonadei 2:22.15,0

„I remained a little behind at the first rising on the Eggerberg, but then I pulled up to my Team colleague Riccardo and reached my goal by remaining with him. We rather soon lost sight of the winner. “

Long Distance 115, 5 km – 3 658 Altitude

Ladies

1. Kathrin Schwing, 5:40.04,0

„With long distances I can gain momentum, I need time but I always find my pace. Even though I was trailing behind slowly I started to make up very nicely. Also I'm not used to this altitude; all the same I had to concentrate on my pace. I feel better after I had to deal with several months of Gluteus Muscular problems. In any event, the World Championships in Graz is on my list. “

2. Elena Giacomuzzi, 5:40.15,7

„I lost the race on the up-hill at Plätzwiese unfortunately close towards the end. I was troubled by cramp but gave my best. Although I am disappointed, I would like to have repeated my victory of last year, but second place in an important race like the Superbike is not to be scoffed at.“

3. Elena Gaddoni, 5:44.57,2

„I gave my best which had to suffice for the third place. Nonetheless, I see it as an important stage for next week where I will be starting for the Italian Championships in Cross Country. “

MEN

1. Massimo De Bertolis, 4:34.02,4

„Yesterday I said at the Press Conference that I wanted to win and today I showed that I'm not a has-been as many had come to believe. I devote this fantastic victory to my wife and my children, and thank Kurt Ploner and Organisational Committee for never leaving me in the lurch and always believing in me. My competitors were very strong, the race very hard, but I showed that I am back“, a happy, tearful and emotional De Bertolis.

2. Thomas Dietsch, 4:34.29,5

„Today was an unbelievable Race Day for me. At certain parts I managed the up-hills rather well and others quite badly. But it went well and shortly before the finish I realized that I had actually done rather well. The sprint to the Finish Line gave me the second place and a fantastic race which pleased me more than many other events. “

3. Gilberto Simoni, 4:34.29,9

„The 15 day holiday did me enormously good. I was perfectly calm at the start and even my expectations were moderate at the Press Conference yesterday. But I'm not surprised as often enough things turn out to be different than expected. “

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