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Laëtitia le Corguillé holds onto the BMX UCI World Cup

The Roc d'Azur clearly agrees with Laëtitia Le Corguillé. In a summery atmosphere and for the third year running, the French cyclist took victory in the BMX world cup during the 4th and final race, contested this Saturday 10th October on the Fréjus leisure base in France's Var region. The Olympic number two (2008) will certainly recall that her title was only in the bag after a final full of upsets in the rankings. Even though she won all the races she contested till this final race, the Breton BMX rider had to battle solidly to gain control. *"We all made mistakes in this last race, she assures. I came out of it well, but it was really full-on!"* The surprise came from the French cyclist, 19 year old Manon Valentino. The young French rider confidently took the lead in the race just after the start and upset the hierarchy in so doing. Her wake was coloured by friction, skirmishes and doubt... It was necessary to keep a cool head and fierce determination to get back to the front of the pack. *"I really had to battle hard to get back in the action as my legs were straining, admitted Laëtitia Le Corguillé on the finish line. Right now, I'm delighted, very happy! The fact that there are more and more people gaining an interest in BMX is something I'm really pleased to see. The Roc d'Azur brings me luck. It's the third year running that the last event has been played out here and it's the third time that I've won this world cup!"* In the final ranking of the world cup, she takes victory (660 points) with a 90 point lead over her compatriot Eva Ailloud (4th in Fréjus) and 197 over American Arielle Martin.

Laetitia Le Corguillé has had a tough time of it. This season, the French cyclist has fallen several times, one of which was serious during the world championships in Australia at the end of July. The victim of a cranial trauma during the trials, she had to stop training for two weeks. *"Her season has been really complicated, admitted Fabrice Vettoretti, national technical director of the French BMX team. In winning this world cup she has proven that she's a very great champion. There was a really big fight during this crazy final. Laetitia had to dig really deep to hunt down this victory!"*

Amongst the men, Australian Sam Willoughby, leading in the world cup competition, won the 4th race with 672 points. He finished at the top of the overall ranking ahead of the Dutch rider Ivo Van der Putten (514) and American Donny Robinson (479).

WOMEN

-Ranking in the 4th and final race of the BMX UCI World Cup:

1. Laetitia le Corguillé (FRA) ; 2. Mariana Pajon (COL) ; 3. Arielle Martin (USA) ; 4. Eva Ailloud (FRA) ; 5. Caroline Buchanan (AUS) ; 6. Lauren Reynolds (AUS) ; 7. Romana Laboukova (TCH) ; 8. Manon Valentino (FRA).

- Final World Cup ranking:

1. Laetitia le Corguillé (FRA, 660 pts) ; 2. Eva Ailloud (FRA, 570) ; 3. Arielle Martin (USA, 463)... 11. Magalie Pottier (FRA, 310)... 21. Amélie Despeaux (FRA, 170) ; 22. Manon Valentino (FRA, 156)...

MEN

- Podium for the 4th and final race of the BMX UCI World Cup:

1. Sam Willoughby (AUS) ; 2. Donny Robinson (USA) ; 3. Christian Becerine (ARG).

- Final World Cup ranking:

1. Sam Willoughby (AUS, 672 pts) ; 2. Ivo Van der Putten (P-B, 514) ; 3. Donny Robinson (USA, 479)... 7. Quentin Caleyron (FRA, 379)... 12. Damien Godet (FRA, 323)