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FRENCHMAN REIGNS SUPREME

Juniors fill out remaining podium spots

Frenchman, Simon Cardon (Morzine, France), has taken out the Elite Men's field at Round 1 of the KWT Maxxis Sunshine Series at Beerburum. After qualifying in 2nd place behind local rider Damien Bogatek (Wurtula), Cardon completed the 1.05km course in 1minute, 50 seconds. Defending series leader, Lindsay Klein (Hawthorne) came in 2nd behind Cardon.

Two riders vying for selection on the Australian Junior Downhill Mountain Bike Team filled out the minor places. Antony Moore (Glasshouse Mountains) and Brandon Yrttiaho (Forest Lake) ended up in 3rd and 5th respectively and have almost guaranteed their place on the team for the World Championships in Canada.

Cardon will soon return to Europe to compete in the first World Cup to be held in Maribor, Slovenia. Cardon added, "It has been great being out in Australia to train ahead of the upcoming season. The weather here allows me to train over the European winter and will set me in good fitness for the start of the season."

The Elite Womens field was won by Lea Harley (The Gap), finishing just ahead of Sarsha Huntington (Bulimba) who is joining Cardon in Europe for the World Cup season.

The Junior Men's field was won by Clint Merrin, who after qualifying fastest, put down a faster run, to take the win from Ben Power (Taringa) and Sam Fraser.

The weekend's race was conducted by D'Aguilar Range Cycle Club, a non-profit organisation, aiming to promote Mountain Biking.

Elite Men

1 st	Simon Cardon	1:50.510
2 nd	Lindsay Klein	1:51.703
3 rd	Antony Moore	1:52.499
4 th	Jacob Reeves	1:54.373
5 th	Brandon Yrttiaho	1:54.478

Elite Women

1 st	Lea Harley	2:21.598
2 nd	Sarsha Huntington	2:21.727
3 rd	Julie Berry	2:28.444

U19 Men

1 st	Clint Merrin	1:56.833
2 nd	Ben Power	1:57.862
3 rd	Sam Fraser	2:00.508

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