

## Who will win 2010 MN State Cyclocross?

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As true cross weather rolls into Minnesota, anticipation for an epic race is rampant. Who will prevail this year in the elite race? The start list is a who's who of MN Cyclocross, plus a couple out-of-towners.

Adam Bergman (Team Specialized) is definitely the local favorite, after missing last year's race due to injury. Adam has won no less than 7 of the events on the 2010 MCF calendar, and is hungry for his first MN State CX championship.

Multiple time MN State CX Champ Doug Swanson (GrandStay Hotels) is another favorite, getting faster every week, finally notching a win at this past Sunday's Gopher Gallop. Doug has a knack for coming through in big races, so watch for him to be in the mix.

2008 MN State CX Champ Pat Lemieux (Team Specialized) is hungry too. He notched a win at Green Acres this year, and with a teammate like Bergman on his side, Pat definitely has a shot at his second title.

Cody Larson (Angry Catfish) has come out of the woodwork this season to be a real threat. He scored a win at the Big Ring Flyers CX, and is sure to be a factor in the race.

A couple of Wisconsin riders (ineligible for the title) to take note of, are Mark Lalonde (Specialized/Cal Giant) and Jordan Cullen (Clif Bar Devo). Both previously rode for Planet Bike. Mark is competitive at the national elite level, and is definitely the favorite to take out the overall win. Jordan, age 15, has youth on his side, and is looking to add to his big win a Baker Orchard CX this season.

Other notable riders to watch are Matt Allen, Josh Roeser, and Jesse Rients. The top Masters 35+ riders CJ Faulkner, Dan Casper, and Chris Smith cannot be counted out either. Jon Toftoy deserves a mention too, but is out with a broken toe.

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### Past Winners:

2004 - Doug Swanson

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2010 - ???