

Epic Conditions for MN State CX Championships

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As predicted all week long, the weather played a huge role at the 2010 Minnesota State Cyclocross Championships. A strong winter storm rolled in overnight Friday, dumping 4-6" of wet, slushy snow on the course. Even after modification to significantly shorten the course, lap times were still around 10 minutes for most races. It still ended up being the best attended race of the season, with a record 326 entries, and 258 finishers.

Blustery winds and snow continued throughout the day as the racers plowed through the snow to create a narrow track muddy snow. The start of each race was mayhem, as most riders were forced to run with their bikes until things strung out a bit. In hindsight, a LeMans style start may have been in order.

The elite race lived up to it's top billing, as all the favorites made it through the weather to the start line. Adam Bergman scored the hole shot by running the entire first section until after the sand pit. Doug Swanson and Mark LaLonde were hot on his heels. By the end of the first lap, Bergman had a few seconds lead on LaLonde, with Swanson chasing a little further back. The front 3 seemed to be the only ones who got a clean start, while everyone else was left in a scrambled mess of riders trying to move up, with very few places to do so.

Bergman chose to switch bikes after lap 1, which gave LaLonde a narrow lead. Bergman switch again after lap2, losing a little more ground until LaLonde bobbed a bit in the sand pit, and the 2 were together again. It was a very close battle from there, with the lead swapping hands several times. With a hard push on the last lap, LaLonde prevailed, with Bergman finishing a close second. Swanson easily held on for 3rd place. 15 year old Jordan Cullen overcame a bad start to finish 4th overall, with Josh Roeser finishing 5th, and Cody Larson 6th.

Being the first Minnesotan to cross the line, Adam Bergman won his first MN State Cyclocross Championship. Josh Roeser took the honors for the Masters 35+. Congratulations to all the MN State Champions, as well as all the racers who braved the epic conditions.

MN State Cyclocross Champions:

Men 1/2 - Adam Bergman

Masters 35+ - Josh Roeser

Women 1/2 - Jeanne Fleck

Women 3 - Jeannette Sample

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Clydesdale - Don Schmeichel

Men 3 - Owen Thoele

Masters 45+ - Jim Bell

Masters 55+ - Charlie Townsend

Men 4 - Al Shuros

Women 4 - Marha Flynn-Kauth

Jr Men 17-18 - Samuel Bramel

Jr Men 15-16 - Nils Boberg

Jr Men 13-14 - Kaleb De Keyrel

Jr Men 10-12 - Mason De Keyrel

Jr Women 17-18 - Lisha Herold

Jr Women 13-14 - Valerie McGoldrick

Jr Women 10-12 - Anya Malarski