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 **Pua & Eatough win Nationals!**

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This past weekend, Sunday July 28th & 29th, was the USA Cycling 24 hour solo National Mountain Bike Championships.

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The race was held in Wausau, Wisconsin at Nine Mile Park. The 14 mile course was more technical than ever, consisting of tight single track with lots of rocks, roots and trees that would seemingly lean in and bump the riders as they passed. The forecast was 85 degrees during the day and 50s at night, perfect 24 hour racing conditions.

From the race start Pua took the lead on her Ellsworth, putting the hammer down, she got out in front trying not to get caught in a single track traffic jam, she was able to put 3 minutes on Rebecca Rusch (2006 National 24 hour champion) after the first lap. Nat Ross did the same on the mens side and was able to get out in front for the men with Eatough lingering a minute behind. For the first 6 laps Pua was able to average a gain of about 3 to 5 minutes per lap over Rusch. On the mens side things were starting to get close between Ross and Eatough with the gap shrinking to nothing.

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At this point in the race Pua decided to relax the pace on hopefully just make consistant gains lap by lap. After 5 laps of this she was only gaining about a minute per lap and at lap 11 she did not gain at all and the lead held at 25 minutes. When Pua heard this split she was not happy, so she decided to go back on the attack and push the pace back up. After making this move the gap started to grow. First 3-8 minutes and then by the 16th lap at sunrise the difference grew and Pua now had over 1 hour and five minutes on Rusch. On the mens side once Eatough moved ahead of Ross the gap grew fast, within two laps it was 8 minutes and then by sunrise it was over a lap.

By the end Pua finished with 18 laps in less than 24 hours, one lap (14 miles) ahead of Rusch in second and Danielle Musto in third. Pua placed 4th in the overall, just 2 laps behind Eatough and only one lap back of Ross. This is by far the best female finish against the Worlds top male 24 hour racers ever, Pro women have never gotten to within 3 laps of these guys!

Eatough won the mens race with 20 laps, two laps ahead of Ross followed by Mark Hendershot in third.

Below are some pics from the race, we will have a gallery of pics on the website soon at <http://teammata.com/photos/main.php>

Also if you are interested or need high resolution pics please contact us at rjs@teammata.com.

Most important:

Thanks so much to our team, without them this would not have been possible!!

Keith Schaper - Pit Boss or Pit Bull

Robert Herber - Crazy legs (he darted back and forth to see Pua at 4 spots or more on every lap!)

Also:

Thank you so much to our new Partner (Michael Folen of Infnit Nutrition), who came out and made sure Pua had the best nutrition for racing we have ever had by far!!! Your product Rocks!!!

<http://www.infnitnutrition.com/>

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Thanks to Jack and the rest of the guys at Niterider for making sure her lights were perfect and super bright!

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Attached Images



Pua getting it done!



Pua finishing her night laps



Pua's Pit



The Team



Pua Podium

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Go Pua & Pua's Contest almost over!

She rocked the Nationals and now she is out to rock the Worlds. The Pua pit contest is over this Monday (August 6th) and someone will get to go watch history! You just have to go to teammata.com/contest.html for all the details and a chance to win over \$8,000 in prizes and cash!