

Pua Sawicki Dominates the 2008 American Mountain Classic Stage Race!

Pua Sawicki and her Ellsworth Truth went into the final stage of the American Mountain Classic with over a 22 minute lead on second place Gennifer Smith. But just like the day before, Heather Irmiger would be the one to challenge Pua. Irmiger had a very bad first stage with 3 flats so she had a lot of time to make up to get her self back on the podium. Pua finished the American Mountain Classic *56 minutes* ahead of the second place finisher. Congratulations to Pua and her crew for another successful stage race!

On the first 30 minute climb of Stage Three, Irmiger stayed just in front of Pua and was able to hold the lead until the first aid station. At that point, Pua put on the gas and attacked the climb coming out of the feed zone. After the first 25 mile lap, Pua had put almost 3 minutes on Irmiger and after finding out that it was only 3 minutes, Pua set out to do a faster second lap than her first and increase her gap. In the end, she was able to put over 13 minutes on Irmiger for the win and match her time from her first lap on the final lap of the race! Pua's time was fast enough to place her 13th overall in the Pro Male division.

Women's overall results:

1. Pua Sawicki / Ellsworth
2. Gennifer Smith
3. Lea Davison
4. Sue Butler
5. Heather Irmiger





Pua also won the first two stages of the American Mountain Classic . Leading wire to wire to take Stage One and winning Stage Two by over 16 minutes. Pua's Stage Two time placed her 17th overall in the Pro Men's division.

Pua's next race is in Brian Head, UT for the NMBS finals on August 29-31.

Jeremiah winning the Pro men,
Pua for the Pro Women and
Tinker for the Elite Master men!



