

Pua Sawicki Wins USA Cycling 24 Hour National Championship

Ellsworth women's solo rider and pride and joy, Pau Sawicki, dominated the field at the 2008 24 hour US National Championships at Nine Mile Forest in Wisconsin. With a mix of Cross Country ski trails, rocky, root-filled single track, and fire road, the course was fast but demanding. Over 700 participants were set to face a battle of speed, endurance, and the ability to endure both mental and physical pain.

Pua started the race fast and quickly opened up a 13 minute lead after the first lap. At 1:01:11, Pua's first lap was the fastest female lap of the race (including duo and team riders) and was only 4 minutes off the fastest Pro Men's time. Holding a steady pace around the 14+ mile course, Pua lapped the entire women's field by 8 hours into the race. In the end, Pua completed 18 laps in 24:02:40 with over 255 miles ridden. The women's podium saw Danielle Musto and Sarah Kaufmann in 2nd and 3rd respectively with 16 laps each. Terri Wahlberg placed 4th with 15 laps, and Stacey LaPresta rounded out the top 5 with 14 laps.

Congratulations to Pua, her crew and coaches on a job well done!



