

This Sunday, only one week after the American Classic Stage race, Pua raced the National Mountain Bike Series (NMBS) finals at Brian Head, Utah. Pua spent the week between the two events trying to get her legs fully recovered but she still felt the drain of the last month with the US Cycling 24 Hour Solo National Championships, American Mountain Classic Stage race and the NMBS finals all within the last 4 weeks.

Pua went off strong chasing Katrina Nash and at the half way point she found herself in a battle for second with Georgia Gould and Lea Davison. Shortly into the second half of the race, she started to feel the effects of 3 major races in 4 weeks and the speed and strength Pua typically exhibits in the latter stages of a race quickly diminished. She fought through the pain to finish 6th just seconds behind 3,4, & 5th place.

The great thing is that even though this series was not on our original schedule and Pua did not train specifically for XC, she was able to get 5th in the overall for the National XC series! Pua and Lea actually tied for 4th but Lea was able to beat Pua to the line which was the series tie breaker.

Next up for Pua and Team Mata is the 24 hours of Moab (Solo Galactic Championships) on October 11-12 ([www.grannygear.com](http://www.grannygear.com)). Pua will be letting her legs come back for the next 6 weeks for the final big race of the year!

