

Peter Disera Captures Junior Men's Jersey after Eyeing It

The Men's Junior race was as exciting as every race held on Saturday. A small group of three riders took off early, comprised of Trevor Pearson of Delta, BC (DEVO), Peter Disera of Barrie, ON (Cycle Solutions/Angry Johnnys CC) and Willem Boersma of Portage La Prairie, MB (Team Manitoba). The three riders exchanged their leads throughout the race, and in the last lap, Boersma was dropped by Disera and Pearson.

In the last technical section with perhaps 500m to go in the race, Pearson fell off his bike sporting a decent lead, and Disera took advantage of the situation by attacking and passing Pearson. Within the last 500m to the finish line, Disera was now solo on his way to the Canadian Championships title.



Junior Men's podium (l-r) Pearson 2nd, Disera 1st, Boersma 3rd © Heinz Ruckemann

"I didn't know what the outcome would be from the start. It was a bit of a gong-show at the start. Today, it was about who would be the smoothest and protect the inside in technical turns. I took full advantage of that when others would ride the outside. I was sixth or seven at the start. The real characters started to show, and moved up spots until I was leading," said Disera. "Pre-riding yesterday, I thought this would be a sick race, with lots of off-camber. I thought it would be cool. Then I woke up today and realized it had rained last night. I came to realized that some of the technical areas would be extremely difficult. I had to run a few sections to stay competitive, and just took those as they came.

"I have been on the podium at Canadian Mountain Bike Championships the last few years, and I had been wanting this jersey. I am excited I got it in cyclo-cross."