

KZN Hill2Hill Victory Davids is King of the Mountain

Brendon Davids continued his winning streak from last weekend to take the top spot at the Sunday Tribune Jeep Hill2Hill 100km MTB Marathon between Pietermaritzburg and Durban on Sunday, 13th September 2015.

Admittedly, his preparations were a little shaky after his crash at the Mandela Day Marathon a couple weeks back in which he injured his left knee. “With the help of the EADP and EAP Active I lined up in the best shape possible for the situation,” Brendon explains.

“My strategy was to race hard from the gun and see if I could get away early on, but the other riders were committed to bringing back any move I made. After winning KOM I decided to hide in the group until just before Cato Ridge.

I made a move and was able to split the field again. At the 60km mark I lifted the pace slightly up the 2nd longest climb of the day and I then focused on maintaining the gap.

I managed to stretch my lead to over 90s through the most technical single track of the race and then with 15km and the final climb of the day (the infamous Ark) left, I just had to push through to the finish.

“Crossing the line I was filled with a couple emotions– relief, pride, and elation for a big win after a pretty tough year. I now find myself working towards Berg&Bush where I hope to secure another good result for the team,” he concludes.

**“When man
invented the
bicycle,
he reached the
peak of his
attainments”**

Elizabeth West



World Champs Wrap-Up

After a week of sunshine and clear skies, the rain started coming down the day before the races started, making for fun but slippery racing conditions out at the Vallnord Bike Park in La Massana.

Overall, the team had a successful trip, with no major injuries to report.

Our newly-signed female rider, Frankie du Toit, had an impressive run and finished in 27th place Junior Women. Marco Joubert did well to finish just outside the top 50 Junior Men and Alan Hatherly had a stellar race, placing 27th U23 Men—in his first year of competing in this category.



“The World Champs are always a great benchmarking test for the team,” says manager Shaun Peschl. “I believe we did really well this year and we have learnt a lot of valuable lessons that will help the team progress in the future. Now we have to focus on consolidating and preparing for the new season.”



Provincial High School Marathon MTB Champs



Well done to our young Kargo Ambassadors who took part in the Provincial High School Marathon MTB Champs in Parys, Free State on Saturday, 12th September 2015. Pieter du Toit took home silver in the Youth Men's category (2nd place overall & 2nd place Free State).

Junior rider Brandon van den Berg narrowly missed out on the overall podium spot, finishing in 4th place by a mere 2 seconds, but was 2nd place Northwest rider in his category.

Great racing by these promising young athletes!

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