

Press release: Qualifying for the first time



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The main goal of the season is achieved, and Eirik Ulltang (23) did his best result by far in the UCI Trials Worldcup in Walbrzych, Poland this weekend. On the day one year after his worldcup debut in Belgium, the Team Betsafe athlete managed to do a far better result this time.

Quarter finals

Eirik rode quarter finals Friday 31st of May, and needed to get a 17th place or better to reach the semi finals. With 30 of 60 achievable penalty points, he got 14th place, and achieved his main goal in the second leg of the worldcup this season.

- To reach the semi finals was awesome. The work I've done since last year clearly paid off. To be top 25 in a worldcup is beyond all expectations, and was only a dream for me this winter, says Eirik.

Semi finals

At Saturday's semi finals the level of difficulty was adjusted quite a lot. Since Ulltang had achieved his big goal, his expectations was low. He tells:

- My first semi final didn't go that well. I couldn't keep my motivation, as I didn't see some of the sections as possible with my current level. This is of course a bad attitude, and something I need to work on. I can do better!

Ulltang ended up at a 24th place in the end. This is 19 positions better than he did in his first worldcup last year. This was both his fourth worldcup and his fourth year competing in biketrials at all.

Difficult conditions

The conditions were really hard in the semi finals. In five out of six sections, the ground was covered in a 10 to 12 cm thick layer of mud. It was lots of rain during the whole competition, which was something that influenced all of the riders. Ulltang explains:

- Lots of rain is not unknown for me, as I'm from the westcoast of Norway. But, of course it affects the motivation when you're soaking wet, your brakes aren't working properly and the tires have no grip at all. This is no excuse though, and the conditions were the same for everybody.

Next competition

The next worldcup is from 26.-28. of July in Pra Loup, France. In the meantime there will be a Norwegian Cup at the Extreme Sports Week at Voss, at June 26th.

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Facts about Eirik Ulltang

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- Won the Norwegian Cup in 2012
- Norwegian Champion 2012
- 24th Worldcup #2, 2013
- #18 in European champ. 2012
- Won at Ekstremsportveko 2011

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Biketrial is a disciplin of biking, where the goal is to go up, over and down from different obstacles. The obstacles can be everything from a ledge downtown to a quarry in the woods. In a competition each rider go through a number of sections, where the goal is to avoid any contact with the ground, except from the tires. Biketrial is a lifestyle sport, and a lot of the riders don't compete, nor train in organized environments.