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**Naasz struggles in Finland as Trunzo wins second straight**

**Two-time Ice Cross Downhill World Champion Cameron Naasz finished a disappointing 13th place at the second Red Bull Crashed Ice race of the season in Jyvaskyla, Finland while Amanda Trunzo (USA) won her second straight race. Austria’s Luca Dallago got his first career win**

JYVASKYLA, Finland – Spectacular jumps and wild crashes, constant passing and the surprising early exits of the sports biggest stars capped by a riveting final pitting old rivals against each other -- with the outcome a new winner at the second Red Bull Crashed Ice race of the season in Finland.

Luca Dallago of Austria won his first Red Bull Crashed Ice race of his career on Saturday in frozen Finland with a brilliant run down a treacherous natural ice track, emerging on top from a battle of brothers between the Dallagos and Croxalls. Canada’s Scott Croxall took second place after his older brother Kyle as well as Luca’s older brother Marco Dallago were disqualified for contact earlier in the race. Kyle Croxall had crossed the finish line first but was later dropped down to third due to the DQ while Marco Dallago took fourth.

Tommy Mertz was sixth and Matt Johnson got seventh place while Eli Krieter took a career best 11th place.

It was the second of four Red Bull Crashed Ice Races this year as the 10-race Ice Cross Downhill World Championship reached the midway point, where athletes from more than 20 countries race downed the obstacle-filled track at speeds of up to 80 km/h.

Trunzo won the women’s race down the grueling 630-meter track in Finland ahead of Myriam Trepanier of Canada in second, Tamara Kajah (CAN) in third and Finland’s Miisa Klemola taking fourth.

In a riveting race on a bitterly cold afternoon in Finland, Scott Croxall got the best start in the final and had the early lead but crashed hard into the first corner after tangling hard with Marco Dallago, whose lead was then short-lived as Kyle Croxall appeared to pull him down with strategic tugs a few turns later. Kyle Croxall then never let go of the lead with Luca Dallago – the only racer who made it down the course flawlessly and unscathed -- finishing a close second. Moments later, however, the judges disqualified both Kyle Croxall for a “face grab” against Marco Dallago, who himself was disqualified for the “body check” against Scott shortly after the start.

“I just tried to do a good race and stay with it all the way to the finish,” said Luca Dallago, who said he didn’t let some ugly battles in the past with the Croxall brothers distract him even though the final bristled with tension as the first such brother-vs-brother matchup in a final. “I tried to set all that side before the race. I just raced as hard as I could. It’s kind of crazy.”

It was indeed a crazy race in Jyvaskyla once again as the only Red Bull Crashed Ice natural ice track with all its imperfections and ruts caused numerous upsets all day long.

Defending champion Naasz (USA) was surprisingly knocked out in the quarter-final round, tripping on a rut while comfortably in the lead and under no pressure at all halfway down the track.

“I just hit an ugly rut and fell,” said Naasz, who fell from third overall to fifth overall after the debacle. “I had a good start. I really don’t know why I fell.”

Max Dunne was also eliminated early, finishing a discouraging xxth place. But Trunzo widened her lead atop the Ice Cross Downhill Championship after dominating all her heats and the final in Finland. She was in a league of her own. Trepanier is second overall and defending champion Jacqueline Legere Dallago wins battle of brothers in Finland

**Jyvaskyla, Finland results:**

Men: 1. Luca Dallago (AUT), 2. Scott Croxall (CAN), 3. Kyle Croxall (CAN), 4. Marco Dallago (AUT), 5. Mirko Lahti (FIN), 6. Tommy Mertz (USA), 7. Matt Johnson (USA), 8. Denis Novozhilov (RUS), 9. Jim DePaoli (SUI), 10. Gabriel Renaud (FRA)

Women: 1. Amanda Truno (USA), 2. Myriam Trepanier (CAN), 3. Tamara Kajah (CAN), 4. Miisa Klemola (FIN), 5. Anais Morand (SUI), 6 Maxie Plante (CAN)

 7. Sandrine Rangeon (FRA), 8. Veronika Windisch (AUT)

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