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JAY HENRY DOMINATES ULTRA 100 TO REGAIN THE TITLE

BEAVER CREEK, Colorado — Imagine saddling your bike before sun-up, lapping Beaver Creek and Arrowhead Mountain five times, climbing over 15,000 vertical feet, and crossing the finish line with an infectious smile having just completed 100 miles? Jay Henry and hundreds more proved it could be done this past Saturday at the Beaver Creek Ultra 100.

A new 20-mile lap format didn't deter Jay Henry from besting over 200 fellow competitors and reclaiming the Ultra 100 title. Henry maintained a sizable lead throughout the five loops and solidified his win with a time of 7 hours, 31 minutes and 8 seconds. "The fourth lap was definitely the most difficult mentally," explained Henry after conquering the Ultra 100 "by the fifth, I knew that was the last time I'd have to make my way through the course."

Considered one of the toughest mountain bike races of its kind, Henry's performance remained solid against heavy competition, namely Mike Kloser, Mike Janelle and Jimi Mortensen. Kloser and Janelle rode neck and neck the first two laps, until Janelle tossed ill, and after a flat tire, pulled out of the race completely. Mortensen, a last-minute show at the start gate, propelled himself into third, nipping at Kloser's heels and finished a mere 6 milliseconds behind. Kloser (7:41:35:1), Mortensen (7:41:35:7).

Ultra 100 Results

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In the Women's Division, Gretchen Reeves triumphed with a big 100-Mile win to seal first place at 8 hours, 44 minutes, 54 seconds. Erin Johnson finished second (10:46:19) with Rose Alford in third (12:03:45).

John Roberts swept the 100K Category nearly twenty-five minutes in front of the pack, with an impressive time of 5 hours, 19 minutes and 41 seconds. Behind Roberts, riding head to head were riders Mike Gibbs (5:44:15) and Jack Swift (5:44:50), second and third respectively.

The new lap course format offered more team options and an element of fun and camaraderie unlike years past. This encouraged riders to find teammates and tackle the Ultra 100 as a group. Most notably was Team Derailed, the 100 Mile mixed 5-person group that won their category riding single-speed.

The 2006 Ultra 100 Mountain Bike Race is yours thanks to the Beaver Creek Resort Company, Volvo, Gatorade, Shade Tree Auto Body, Vail Dentistry, The Kind Cyclist, Mountain Pedaler, Steadman Hawkins Sports Medicine Clinic, Nature Valley Granola Bars, Venture Sports and Freewheel Cyclery. Results, photos and recaps are available at www.mtbrace.com.

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