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Record Riders for the Thredbo Super Enduro

It was a sunshine showdown for the third instalment of the Thredbo Super Enduro presented by Maxxis. A record field of riders, perfect mountain weather, a \$25,000 prize pool and three big gravity trails made for a huge day of racing.

Clouds of dust hovered above Thredbo's trails – as over 400 riders lapped the Cannonball Downhill, Kosciuszko Flow and the All-Mountain Trail over a five hour period.

There was a great mix of women and men, amateurs, pro's, young pinner and master riders, the highly competitive masters 2 category saw close to 100 riders.

Dry weather saw the track turn loose and dusty, down to sand as the afternoon wore on making for exciting late in the day laps.

More a marathon than a sprint – it was those who took it to the All Mountain that picked up podium places today. The 7.5km course, with a 450 vertical descent is one of the longest enduro race tracks in the country, so solid slabs of time were won and lost here.

“I took on the All Mountain first as I knew it was going to be the most painful and it was, 11 minutes of it. It just keeps going and going and that pinch at the end! There is a lot of time to be made up here” said Tim Eaton Pro Men's winner.

The hotly contested pro men's saw all podium place times on 25 minutes for the three tracks, drilling down to mere seconds to separate one, two and three. Tim Eaton took the win, with young gun 16 year old Luke Meier- Smith landing second and local rider Thomas Crimmins coming in third. Eaton was unbeaten in all three races.

Sian A'Hern coming back from injury blasted back to form and taking the win by over a minute to Emily Parkes, with Rebecca Wyatt in third.

“It was an awesome day, it was a hard day in the office – tiring but a lot of fun. I love that you can ride with your friends, do as many runs as you like and caters for all levels of riders, a great day out” said Sian.

The pits were buzzing with tech talk over bike choice, as riders can use only one bike on all three tracks, along with what track to tackle first, the general consensus was definitely to take on the All Mountain first up.

The popular race format sees competitors to as many laps as they like in a day, giving them the chance to really keep pushing to go faster, taking away the pressure of only having one run and one chance.

Live timing saw riders glued to the results all day long wondering if they could make up any time but given the hot dusty conditions, early ambitions of lots of laps soon turned to I'm happy with that run.

Riders left nothing behind today with a heady mix of downhill, flat out pedalling and pinch climbs the Thredbo Super Enduro presented by Maxxis had it all. Track weary, sun swept and dusty, riders are already working on tactics for 2020 event.

Check out the action in the image gallery [here](#)

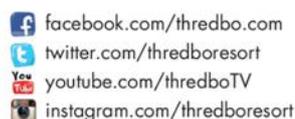
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