



The Finish Line

Race Results and News for the 18th Annual HP Women's Challenge

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The **HP Women's Challenge** features over 100 of the top female cyclists in the world competing in North America's toughest cycling event for \$128,000 in prize money - the largest purse in North American cycling regardless of gender.

Considered to be the women's version of the Tour de France, this year's 12-day road race consists of 13 stages and covers 688 miles of rugged Idaho terrain. Highlights from the race will be nationally televised in a one-hour special that will air on CBS on July 14.

RACE RESULTS – STAGE 10:

Idaho Center Auto Mall Road Race

Thursday, June 21

Twin Falls to Mountain Home – 97 miles

Ina Teutenberg Wins 97-Mile Race to Bring Saturn Team Another Victory in Stage 10 of the 2001 HP Women's Challenge

Boise's Brooke Blackwelder Places Sixth

Mountain Home, Idaho – The Saturn Team was victorious again today when Ina-Yoko Teutenberg battled the hot sun and heat for a grueling 97-mile race to take first in Stage 10 of the 18th Annual HP Women's Challenge, finishing in three hours, 51 minutes and 42 seconds. Placing second was Mirella van Melis of the Dutch National Team followed by Acca Due O Hewlett-Packard's Vera Hohlfield who came in third.

The 97-mile course is the longest of the 13-stage race and for almost 89 miles, there was very little activity with the group traveling as a whole. While there were a number of opportunities for breaks, very few of the riders took advantage of them in order to conserve energy. With five miles to go, Julie Young of the AutoTrader.com, Anna Millward of Saturn, and Chantal Beltman of the Dutch National Team made an attack and broke away. However, the trio didn't get far and were absorbed by the group after just two miles.

The pace noticeably picked up though after Teutenberg won the last hot spot sprint and started to pour on the steam at the 500m mark. Following Teutenberg's lead, everyone began a mad dash toward the finish line traveling at an estimated speed of 40 miles-per-hour and finished as a group. Even with the heat, the riders kept to a consistent pace with the race finishing over 30 minutes earlier than the estimated time of four-and-a-half hours.

Today's second place win for van Melis is the highest that the 22-year-old sprinter from the Netherlands has achieved so far in this race. Local Idaho rider Brooke Blackwelder of the Goldy's/Grove Street Place Team also had a great finish. Coming in at sixth place in Stage 10 and landing a fourth place finish in Stage 6's 80.2-mile race, Blackwelder has proven that she can go the distance.

U.S. rider Jen Dial of the Office Depot Team is very happy about finishing in tenth place. Although this year's course to Mountain Home is new, Dial had a nasty crash on last year's stage race to Mountain Home, which put her out of the race entirely.

Individual Stage Placings

Place	Rider Name	Country	Team	Time
1	Ina Teutenberg	GER	Saturn	3:51:42
2	Mirella van Melis	NED	Dutch National	3:51:42
3	Katia Longhin	ITA	Acca Due O HP	3:51:42
4	Judith Arndt	GER	German National	3:51:42
5	Angela Brodtka	GER	German National	3:51:42
6	Brooke Blackwelder	USA	Goldy's/Grove Street	3:51:42

Place	Rider Name	Country	Team	Time
7	Emma Davies	GBR	British National	3:51:42
8	Meshy Holt	NZL	Boise Cascade Office Products	3:51:42
9	Vera Hohlfield	GER	Acca Due O HP	3:51:42
10	Jen Dial	USA	Office Depot	3:51:42

Individual General Classification Standings

Place	Rider Name	Country	Team	GC Time
1	Lyne Bessette	CAN	Saturn	23:56:01
2	Judith Arndt	GER	German National	23:59:21
3	Rasa Polikeviciute	LTU	Acca Due O HP	24:03:08
4	Petra Rossner	GER	Saturn	24:06:14
5	Vera Hohlfield	GER	Acca Due O HP	24:07:10
6	Jeannie Longo	FRA	Office Depot	24:07:41
7	Chantal Beltman	NED	Dutch National	24:08:41
8	Anna Millward	AUS	Saturn	24:09:12
9	Sarah Ulmer	NZL	AutoTrader.com	24:10:20
10	Ceris Gilfillan	GBR	British National	24:11:18

Stage 10 Jersey Winners

Race Leader Jersey (blue) – Lyne Bessette/Saturn Team

Points Leader Jersey (pink) – Lyne Bessette/Saturn Team

Mountain Leader Jersey (green) – Jeannie Longo/Office Depot Team

Sprint Leader Jersey (orange) – Catherine Marsal/Intersports

Best Senior Rider Jersey (lime) – Jeannie Longo/Office Depot Team

Best Young Rider Jersey (gold) – Ceris Gilfillan/British National Team

A LOOK AHEAD – STAGE 11:

Office Depot Time Trial

Friday, June 22

Emmett to Firebird – 10 miles

This stage is a short time trial that begins at the Gem County Fair Grounds and ends in a final dash around the famous Firebird drag strip and the strong time trialists are expected to excel. Each cyclist will attempt to ride their fastest and those currently in the middle of the G.C. may put forth that extra effort in order to improve their standings. While the course is generally flat the riders will again have to contend with the hot sun, no shade and temperatures in the mid-90s as they did today.

Today's Notes & Quotes:

♦ **"It was so hot with no wind and we were very thirsty. Everyone is glad that this stage is over!"** said Ina-Yoko Teutenberg of the Saturn Team after winning first in Stage 10.

♦ **"I arrived just the day before the race started and it took over a week for the jet lag to wear off,"** stated Mirella van Melis of the Dutch National Team on placing second. **"Now that the jet lag has worn off, I'm ready to go and plan on winning the criterium."**

♦ **"My teammates really helped me advance in this stage so I was able to move up enough and push forward for a strong finish. I'm really proud of them,"** said Brooke Blackwelder, team manager and rider for the Goldy's/Grove Street Place Team on her sixth place finish.

♦ **"Last year I rode over the finish line in the medical van and this year I did it on my bike so I am very happy,"** said Office Depot's Jen Dial after finishing Stage 10. Dial's comment on riding in the heat, **"I'm a small person and I lose body heat pretty easily so the hotter it is,**

the better I ride.”

About Women's Challenge, Inc. – Women's Challenge, Inc., is a non-profit organization, was founded in 1993 to carry on the tradition of the Women's Challenge race that began in 1984. The organization's mission is to promote world-class racing for women, foster the growth of women's cycling and provide exemplary role models for young athletes. Information about Women's Challenge, Inc. and the race can be found at www.womenschallenge.com.

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