

### **III MEGAVALANCHE OF THE INCA SACRED VALLEY 2007**

#### **Cusco – Perú**

#### **24 & 25 of March 2007**

The III Megavalanche at the Sacred Valley of the Incas 2007 has taken place in Cusco – Perú on March 24th and 25th, organized by Phoenix Power DH Team, Aldea and part of the World Cup Salomón Avalanche Trophy organized by UCC from France.

There were 203 riders provenient from Canada, USA, Belgium, Bolivia, Puerto Rico, Portugal, Panama, Spain and the local people from Cusco, Lima and Arequipa. The weather was very good for the qualification laps on Saturday at the 4600 masl were the departure takes place, the highest megavalanche in the world,. The winners were Joseba Leon from Spain and Diego Sarmiento from Perú.

There were lots of people watching the race from the beginning of the official training on Saturday morning until the afternoon when the second lap of qualification race ended. The qualification results were published that night at El Libertador Sacred Valley Lodge, central of the event, and at Ollantaytambo Municipality, the main building in the mayor square of a small village initially built by the Incas, near the location of the race.

On Sunday, after the one hour trip to Malaga, the departure place, all the racers were ready in their positions. There were people from Cusco, Lima, Spain, Puerto Rico, Canada and Bolivia in the first row and this time there were also 5 women including Carol Chaman the winner of last year race, who is very nervous because of the participation of a very strong oponent from Bolivia and also from the last Peruvian Motocross Lady Champion. This time there are not invited top 10 racers, so everybody can be the winner.

The sound of a police siren is heard in Malaga a minute before the departure and Gustavo Matus de la Parra, the race organizer, gives the departure at 9:30 am in the middle of warrior screamings. The track is wet after the night raining, there are harder conditions than the day before during qualifications. At the arrival line the beginning of the first lap of III Megavalanche at the Sacred Valley of the Incas is announced. All the crowd is ready to watch and applaud encouraging the racers best performance.

Joseba Leon from Spain is the first rider who makes all the people clap and shout with emotion, he is followed by Elias Caceres from Cusco and Sebastian Reategui from Lima. The local people help the riders washing their bikes and then everybody began the uphill to the final lap, as fast as they can to prevent the weather change, the Apus (Hill gods) are with us, the sun is still shining and there is no rain coming yet.

When all the racers are ready in their places for the second lap an amazing thing happened, two condors appeared over their heads, these are mistic and sacred birds of the Andes which are not seen very often and with a great mistic significance for the local people, they began to shout "The apus are with us, the Megavalanche is also peruvian". Everyone feels very excited and began to encourage themselves shouting like warriors, even more than in the first lap.

Again the sound of the police siren announces one minute for the departure of the second and final lap of the race and everybody begins the megavalanche downhill. The competition is very hard all over the track, and this time 5 riders appears at the same time on the final jumps, they are Yannick Wende from Bolivia, Joseba Leon from Spain, Sebastian Reategui from Lima, Elias Caceres from Cusco and Tim Stefanik from Canada. More than 5000 people who are watching the competition begin to shout

encouraging their favorite rider in that exciting arrival. There is a big ovation to the riders at the end line while all the racers continue arriving, there are last minute hits on the floor, somebody pedals a lot to pass his nearest competitor almost in the ending line, the crowd continue the shouting and applauding until Gustavo Matus de la Parra arrives in the last position closing the race, the III Megavalanche is over.

On Sunday night the pricing ceremony is at the square in the front of Ollantaytambo Fortress, an amazing Inca building. After watching some local dances, the winners of each category received their awards in front of about 5000 people who were there to applaud them and watch this incredible ceremony.

The winner of the different categories were:

### SCRATCH

Order	N <sup>a</sup>	Name	Club	City	Country
1	2	Leòn Gutierrez Josefa	Guak Maestre	Spain	Spain
2	4	Caceres Urbina Elias	Loreto Tours	Cusco	Peru
3	102	Reategui Alvarez Sebastián	Toyota	Lima	Peru
4	1	Rios Barreto Felipe	Toyota	Lima	Peru
5	5	Ernest Franklin Jefferson	Wilson Backcountry	USA	USA
6	105	Sarmiento Amadeo Diego	Mym	Lima	Peru
7	3	Lozada Romero Diego	Loreto Tours	Arequipa	Peru
8	103	Acevedo Roza Hector	Loreto Tours	Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico
9	6	Wende Christopher Yannick	Cosa Nostra	Bolivia	Bolivia
10	101	Thacker Edward Mitchell		Canada	Canada

### DOWNHILL MASTER 40

Order	N <sup>a</sup>	Name	Club	City	Country
1	51	Ochoa Lozano Mateo	Loreto Tours	Cusco	Peru
2	153	Garcia Lucio Ernesto	Cosa Nostra Cycling	Bolivia	Bolivia
3	53	Poncin Alain	Gran Raid Godefroy	Belgium	Belgium

### DOWNHILL MASTER 30

Order	N <sup>a</sup>	Name	Club	City	Country
1	131	Ross Stefanik Tim		Canada	Canada
2	139	Hettinga John Justin		Cusco	Peru
3	35	Unda Cano Carlos	Puriqu	Cusco	Peru

### DOWNHILL SENIOR

Order	N <sup>a</sup>	Name	Club	City	Country
1	14	Rupa Zuvileta Henry	Loreto Tours	Cusco	Peru
2	29	Wende Bussiere Lucas	Cosa Nostra	Bolivia	Bolivia
3	127	Huachaya Barriga Hubert	Gravity	Bolivia	Bolivia

### DOWNHILL YOUNG

Order	N <sup>a</sup>	Name	Club	City	Country
1	144	Puma Choque Erwin	Orcco DH	Cusco	Peru
2	143	Brocard Maxx	Orcco DH	Cusco	Peru
3	44	Pacheco Trujillo Israel	Orcco DH	Cusco	Peru

## LADIES

Order	N <sup>a</sup>	Name	Club	City	Country
1	212	Boock Ammnedore	Gravity	Bolivia	Bolivia
2	213	Chaman Carol	Best	Lima	Peru
3	214	Soto Villena Fiorella	Saqra	Cusco	Peru

## STOCK LESS THAN 30

Order	N <sup>a</sup>	Name	Club	City	Country
1	58	Gonzales Miranda Daniel	Aguilas	Cusco	Peru
2	195	Casani Nuñez Wilbert	Saqra	Cusco	Peru
3	165	Cussi Quispitupa Ronald	Loreto Tours	Cusco	Peru
4	226	Franco Alferes Fernando		Cusco	Peru
5	61	Quispe Huaman Jesus	Roca rodante	Cusco	Peru

## STOCK MASTER 30

Order	N <sup>a</sup>	Name	Club	City	Country
1	203	Jordan Rojas Antonio	Cosa Nostra Cycling	Bolivia	Bolivia
2	99	Garcia Madera Luis	Puriq	Cusco	Peru
3	95	Area Pacheco Davis	Kuntur	Cusco	Peru

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