

Americans earn three world titles at 2014 UCI Masters Cyclo-cross Worlds

Gossau, Switzerland (January 5, 2014) — Riders from the United States took home three world titles this past weekend at the [2014 UCI Masters Cyclo-cross World Championships](#). Only France could claim more world champions, taking five of the eleven titles up for grabs in Gossau, Switzerland.

Competition began on Saturday, January 4, with the 65-and-older men the first to tackle the 2.5-kilometer course. **Robert Ogren** (Bloomington, Minn./ The Fix Studio/Power Fix CX) earned the U.S. its first of nine total top ten finishes by placing seventh.

Also on course was the combined women's 50+ field. After overcoming some pre-race mechanical issues, **Lori Cooke** (Pembroke, Mass./Cycle Lodge) stormed to victory, earning her first rainbow jersey after stopping the clock nearly a minute ahead of her closest competitor. Joining Cooke on the women's 50+ podium was bronze medalist **Karen Brems** (Redwood City, Calif./Team Rambuski Law). **Lillian Pfluke** (Wilmington, Del./US Metro Transports) was behind her in fourth.

After **Jimmy Day** (Santa Fe, N.M./Bike n Sport Racing) notched another top ten finish for the U.S., taking tenth in the men's 60-64 race, **Henry Kramer** (Menlo Park, Calif./California Giant Berry Farms/Specialized) successfully defended his men's 55-59 championship won last year in Louisville, Ky. Kramer crossed the line more than 37 seconds ahead of runner-up Benny Andersson of Sweden. **Thomas Hayles** (Aspen, Colo./ZG7908) finished just off the podium in fourth. **Paul Curley** (Taunton, Mass./VC Steinmaur-Spin Arts Cycling) came in at 13th and **Steven Kinney** (Geneva, SUI AE/VC Lancy) finished 20th.

Sunday's competition began with the 50-54 men, where **Kevin Hines** (E. Wareham, Mass./Corner Cycle Cycling Club) just missed a podium spot, taking fourth by nearly seven seconds. Fellow Massachusetts riders **Geoffrey House** (Great Barrington, Mass./Northampton Cycling Club) and **Alec Petro** (Duxbury, Mass./Corner Cycle Cycling Club) came in at 13th and 24th, respectively.

Sporting the Stars-and-Stripes of a national champion, **Donald Myrah** (San Jose, Calif./ Ibis/Buy-Cell.com) earned himself another set of rainbow stripes in the men's 45-49 race, taking the win by more than half a minute over Germany's Ralph Berner (GER/Berner-Bikes-Mallorca.com). **Thomas Simmons** (La Tour de Pailz, SUI/VC Vevey) placed ninth. Myrah's Ibis/Buy-Cell.com teammates **Cesar Chavez** (San Jose, Calif./ Ibis/Buy-Cell.com) and **Tim Cannard** (Los Gatos, Calif./ Ibis/Buy-Cell.com) earned 14th and 29th, respectively. **Christopher Langer** (Berlin, GER/Crossmasters Cyclocross Team) rode through in 36th.

After pitting for several of his fellow Americans throughout the weekend, **Geoff Wilcox** (Alex, France/Lac Alliance Cycliste) rode to 19th in the men's 40-44 race. **Justin Koppa** (Reuschbach, Germany) took 22nd in the men's 35-39 competition.

2014 UCI Masters Cyclo-cross World Championships

Gossau, Switzerland
January 4-5, 2014

Day 1 – Saturday, January 4, 2014

Women's 50+

1. **Lori Cooke** (Pembroke, Mass./Cycle Lodge) 30:51.0
2. Berit Strobl (GER/TV Dorf Erbach) +00:59.7
3. **Karen Brems** (Redwood City, Calif./Team Rambuski Law) +01:25.0
4. **Lillian Pfluke** (Wilmington, Del./US Metro Transports) +02:11.6

Men's 55-59

1. **Henry Kramer** (Menlo Park, Calif./California Giant Berry Farms/Specialized) 36:06.8
2. Benny Anderson (SWE/ ÅstorpsCK/Trek Sweden) +00:37.5
3. Daniel Perret (FRA/St. Denis Cyclisme) +00:43.6
4. **Thomas Hayles** (Aspen, Colo./ZG7908) +00:53.8
13. **Paul Curley** (Taunton, Mass./VC Steinmaur-Spin Arts Cycling) +05:24.3
20. **Steven Kinney** (Geneva, SUI AE/VC Lancy) +08:14.8

Men's 60-64

1. David McMullen (GBR/Cotswold Veldrijden) 37:58.7
2. Jean Claude Grange (FRA/Les Bleus de France) +01:03.4
3. Jean Claude Ulbert (FRA/Union Cycliste Sarladaise) +02:38.0
10. **Jimmy Day** (Santa Fe, N.M./Bike n Sport Racing) +06:38.9

Men's 65+

1. Jean Bernard Galissaire (FRA/A.V.C. Libourne) 30:27.0
2. Richard Steiner (SUI/Scott Hotel Funivia Bormio) +00:23.9
3. Francois Mertens (Belgium) +00:47.3
7. **Robert Ogren** (Bloomington, Minn./ The Fix Studio/Power Fix CX) +03:11.2
- DNF - **Leone Pizzini** (Avondale, Pa./First State Velo Sport)

Day 2 – Sunday, January 05, 2014

Men 35-39

1. David Derepas (FRA/Club Prodialog) 49:25.1
2. Beat Morf (SUI/ Team Chälbli Bike Uster/VC-H) +01:55.2
3. Laurent Spiesser (FRA/Batibois Alsace-Haibike) +03:19.4
22. **Justin Koppa** (Reuschbach, Germany) -1 lap

Men 40-44

1. Lionel Genthon (FRA/BAC01) 50:18.9
2. Gerard Bramouille (FRA/V.C. Canton Des Pieux) +00:45.5
3. Roland Schätti (SUI/Velo-reichmuth.ch) +01:08.7
19. **Geoff Wilcox** (Alex, France/Lac Alliance Cycliste) -1 lap

Men 45-49

1. **Donald Myrah** (San Jose, Calif./ Ibis/Buy-Cell.com) 38:05.3
2. Ralph Berner (GER/Berner-Bikes-Mallorca.com) +00:31.8
3. Pascal Triebel (LUX/U.C. Mondorf) +01:58.4
9. **Thomas Simmons** (La Tour de Pailz, SUI/VC Vevey) +03:43.6
14. **Cesar Chavez** (San Jose, Calif./ Ibis/Buy-Cell.com) +05:06.2
29. **Tim Cannard** (Los Gatos, Calif./ Ibis/Buy-Cell.com) +08:42.9
36. **Christopher Langer** (Berlin, GER/Crossmasters Cyclocross Team) +13:01.9

Men 50-54

1. Roger Honegger (SUI/RTU Powerteam Felt) 38:37.2
2. Mark Verloo (BEL/De Toekomst Vrienden) +00:00.2
3. Ludwig Gladines (BEL/Belgian Cycling Selection) +00:18.8
4. **Kevin Hines** (E. Wareham, Mass./Corner Cycle Cycling Club) +00:25.5
13. **Geoffrey House** (Great Barrington, Mass./Northampton Cycling Club) +03:25.1
24. **Alec Petro** (Duxbury, Mass./Corner Cycle Cycling Club) +06:36.3



Lori Cooke topped the women's 50+ podium. Karen Brems was third. Photo courtesy of Lori Cooke



Don Myrah on his way to winning the men's 45-49 race. Photo: Geoff Wilcox



Henry Kramer won the men's 55-59 race. Photo: Geoff Wilcox