



# Kenny Belaey NEWS

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**EVENT:** World Cup – Heubach (Germany - Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> 2009

## BELAEY RULES SUPREME IN HEUBACH

**A superior strategy and excellent fitness enabled Kenny Belaey to take the victory in today's second round of the UCI World Cup bike trial. Belaey won with three more points than reigning World Champion Gilles Coustellier, Vincent Hermance ended in third. In the provisional standings of the UCI Bike trial World cup Belaey leads together with Coustellier. One thing is for sure: Kenny Belaey is back...from never being away!**

The German organizers, Mountain bike Festival "Bike the rock", scored big time with their first ever Bike Trial World Cup event. The technical and challenging zones meant the course builder received a lot of compliments from the riders. Heubach also launched the new system for the final: the results of the semi-finals determine the starting positions in the final. Number eight starts first, followed by number seven, etc. Riders start every three minutes and ride all six zones in numerical order.

In the semi Kenny qualified as third behind the surprisingly strong Giacomo Coustellier and Hermance. Other Belgian riders Wesley Belaey and Iciar Van Den Bergh ended up in 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> position, missing out on the final.

**Kenny Belaey:** "What a relief. I'm really pleased with this victory. Apparently a lot of people had already written me off. But I always knew that an easier schedule and my collaboration with my new trainer Paul Van Den Bosch would pay off in the end.

Once again Coustellier was very strong today. There were two obstacles on the course that I couldn't ride but didn't pose a problem for him. I played it safe and put a foot instead of risking five penalty points. In the other zones I was really there, putting in some low scores. The warm weather meant the second round was a bit of a fitness test. Physically I really felt good today. That feeling is definitely a major boost for the future meetings!"

### RESULTS HEUBACH 26 inch

1. **Kenny Belaey (BEL) 16 ptn**
2. Gilles Coutellier (FRA) 19 ptn
3. Vincent Hermance (FRA) 28 ptn
4. Aurelien Fontenoy (FRA) 34 ptn
5. Giacomo Coustellier (FRA) 37 ptn
6. Marc Caisso (FRA) 41 ptn
7. Guillaume Dunand (FRA) 51 ptn
8. Ben Slinger (GBR) 54 ptn

### UCI WORLD CUP STANDINGS 26 inch

1. **Kenny Belaey en Gilles Coustellier 235 ptn**
2. Vincent Hermance 210 ptn
3. Aurelien Fontenoy 195 ptn
4. Marc Caisso 190 ptn
5. Giacomo Coustellier 185 ptn
6. Ben Slinger 165 ptn
7. Guillaume Dunand 148 ptn
8. Nicolas Vuillermot (FRA) 141 ptn
9. Danny Butler (GBR) 139 ptn
10. Ben Savage (GBR) 137 ptn

