



## Peille Downhill – Subaru – 2007



This race is always a big challenge. Probably, one of the most technical tracks in the world, with 2 km of rocks and 2 min 44 sec of high intensity. There is no time to rest physically or mentally. You need to be 100% focus all way down. This year's event was marked by the come-back to racing of Nicolas Vouilloz, 10 times World Champ. Nico did a strong preparation to get back stronger than ever on this track which he knows really well.

The track condition was very dry and rough. You could see the braking bumps from every racer in the dirt. The track record was 2:51 last year and it has been beaten this year again. Yohann Barelli who surprised everyone got 3rd place with 2:50, Nicolas Vouilloz 2nd at 2:47 and I took the win 2:44 with a nice smooth run. I made some little mistakes which cost me 2 or 3 seconds but we (Paul, my mechanic and

myself) are really pleased with the speed we have got this weekend. An excellent training race to prepare the second world cup in Champéry, Switzerland, in the portes du Soleil. Another challenging race, close of my second home town, Les Gets. Champéry World cup will take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of May.

