

Back to center stage

Ryan Trebon's two-man show takes the stage in U.S. 'cross by Brian Holcombe



Ryan Trebon is back to center stage in U.S. cyclocross racing. The front of the U.S. Gran Prix of Cyclocross is familiar ground for Trebon; he's a four-time series champion, but a tough run in 2010 had the Oregonian searching for answers. They were answers he couldn't find with a Kona team that had him thinking far too much about the non-racing side of the business. The two-time elite national 'cross champion needed a change.

Trebon found his answer in a new venture with mechanic-turned-team-manager Dusty

Labarr (husband of Luna's Georgia Gould). The pair stepped out this spring with the new LTS-Felt project, a low-budget, tightly organized program. After making their way quietly through the mountain bike season, Trebon exploded onto the 'cross scene and by the midway point of the eight-race USGP, found himself wearing the green and white series leader's jersey.

Trebon didn't win prolifically in the first month of the season, but won when it counted, in two of the nation's first five C1 events — the opening-day races at the Planet Bike and New Belgium Cups.

The former, over a stacked field that included Telenet-Fidea's Bart Wellens and Rob Peeters, was Trebon's biggest 'cross triumph in years — he averaged 472 watts over 60 minutes.

"Once you start doing well in races, you're just more confident in your fitness, confident in your bike handling, and those things just add up," Trebon told *Velo*. "It's always awesome to win, but right now every victory for us is pretty big because it's justification for everything Dusty and I have done."

Three weeks earlier, Trebon was in another