

# Women's Sports Challenge

## Championship Cycling

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#### **German Speedster Smokes the Field at Fifth Annual Women's Sports Challenge, local hero comes close in fourth** by J.P. Partland

Summer is a time for street fairs in New York City. On June 9, the city celebrated speed at Grant's Tomb. Formally known as the Women's Sports Challenge, the event toasts speed of the human-powered variety by staging three bicycle races around Riverside Church and the final resting place of both President and Mrs. Grant.

This fifth-annual fair for the fast and fearless showcased an international field of bicycle racers who have been tearing up the race circuit both in the US and abroad. In the featured event, the powerhouse Team Saturn brought their sprinter Ina Teutenberg of Germany as well as Canadian speedster Kim Davidge. Saturn had the numbers and the horsepower to dominate the national-class field in the 35-mile pro/am event.

This strength local hero Elizabeth Emery of Canada's InterSports squad was hoping to use to her advantage. The New Yorker, a former national champion who has come close to winning the World Championships in her specialty, the Time Trial, had only one teammate to help her. Emery's hope was to let Saturn wear down the sixty-rider field, and then make her move.

On the very first lap, up-and-coming local rider Catherine Powers of the CRCA/Dash.com team led the field. New Yorkers thought they were seeing the start of a New York-controlled race. It wasn't to be, as Saturn gained control, sending rider after rider on the attack to tire the field, to push them into the red zone prematurely.

Eventually, Saturn's work paid off. Halfway through the race, Kim Davidge jumped off the front. Only her teammate Teutenberg, Emery, Emery's teammate Erin Carter, and Jenny Eyerman from Team Jane Cosmetics were able to follow.

The race was left to the top five as the remaining 55 couldn't respond to the speed of the leaders. The gap rose to 45 seconds at the finish where Emery was no match for Teutenberg. Teutenberg, one of the best sprinters in the world, thundered by her breakaway companions and easily took the victory. Davidge followed, then Eyerman pipped Emery for fourth place. While disappointed that she was once-again denied victory at her hometown race, she put her fourth in perspective. "Ina is one of the top two sprinters in the country, so there wasn't much chance. Still, this is a great event. The course is incredible."

The course is a one-mile loop that offers something for every kind of bike racer. The mile loop has tight turns, fast turns, a power climb, a false flat, and two downhills. One has to have mastered all the skills of a racer to do well here.

In the other races, Lisa Maxell of Liquid Motion won the Category Three race in a sprint over a complacent field. The surprise of the day was the Category Four event. Category Fours are beginning racers, and are generally still somewhere near the middle of their learning curve, but this group waged a tough, active battle over the course of 20 miles. Attack followed attack, with no one afraid to test her strength and make an attempt to outdistance the field. After the aggressive 20, New Yorker Kara Hammond of Team TAM sprinted to the win over New Englander Pam Alessio.

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# Results

## Category Pro 1/2/3 35 miles (28.57 mph)

1	Ina Teutenberg	Team Saturn	1:13:14
2	Kim Davidge	Team Saturn	
3	Jenny Eyerman	Jane Cosmetics	
4	<b>Elizabeth Emery</b>	<b>Intersports (NY, NY)</b>	
5	Erin Carter	Intersports	
6	Stephanie Hannos	Verizon Wireless	at :26
7	Kristy Scrymgeour	Team Saturn	
8	Meridith Miller	Jane Cosmetics	
9	Desira Utzig	Earthlink	
10	Sherri Stedje	BBC	
11	<b>Vickie Huffman</b>	<b>Kissena, (NY, NY)</b>	
12	Kerry Soraci-Schuatz	Intermountain Cycling	
13	Dana Walton	Team Snow Valley	
14	<b>Catherine Powers</b>	<b>CRCA/Dash-Reniassance (NY, NY)</b>	
15	Kathryn Kothe	NCC/BikeReg.com	
16	Marjan Huizing	Team Snow Valley	
17	<b>Jamie Nicholson-Leener</b>	<b>CRCA/SBCG (NY, NY)</b>	
18	<b>Anne Marie Miller</b>	<b>CRCA/Dash-Reniassance (NY, NY)</b>	
19	Yvonne Ilton	Verizon Wireless	
20	Laura Kibelsbeck	Webevent.com	
21	Julie Hutsebaut	Jane Cosmetics	
22	<b>Vanessa Mandel</b>	<b>CRCA/Gap (NY, NY)</b>	
23	Julie Monagle	Verizon Wireless	
24	<b>Julie Walsh</b>	<b>CRCA/RLX Polo Sport(NY, NY)</b>	
25	<b>Caryl Gale</b>	<b>Unattached (NY, NY)</b>	
26	Anke Erlank	Team Saturn	
27	Marjon Marik	Autotrader.com	
28	Rhonda Quick	Jane Cosmetics	
29	Petra Ford	Watchung Wheelmen	
30	Christine Harding	Team Snow Valley	
31	Jody Diemar	Jack's Coffee	
32	Joanne Ross	Verizon Wireless	
33	<b>Tara Parsons</b>	<b>CRCA/RLX Polo Sport(NY, NY)</b>	
34	<b>Nina Strika</b>	<b>CRCA/RLX Polo Sport(NY, NY)</b>	
35	Marina Duvnjak	New Zealand National Team	
36	Diana Gillam	Team Snow Valley	
37	Leah Toffolon	Frayse/Necsa	

-60 starters

## Category 3 25 miles

1	Lisa Maxwell	Team Liquid Motion	55:55
2	Sara Barker	HVCC/Webevents.com	
3	Amanda See	Verizon Wireless	
4	Sara Cushman	Gearworks/SRP	
5	Michele Smith	HVCC/Webevents.com	
6	<b>Ann Mullen</b>	<b>CRCA/SBCG (NY, NY)</b>	
7	Penny Buchar	HVCC/Webevents.com	
8	Janice Sibilica	HVCC/Webevents.com	
9	<b>Sarah Suvayre</b>	<b>CRCA/WSF Setanta (NY, NY)</b>	
10	Amy Lawry	Fuji	
11	<b>Cheryl Osborne</b>	<b>Artemis (NY, NY)</b>	
12	Sharon Harvel	NHCC	
13	Elizabeth Lefavour	Independent Fabrications	
14	<b>Cindie Baker</b>	<b>CRCA/Metro Sanchez (NY, NY)</b>	
15	Rachel Brown	NCC/BikeReg.com	
16	Tricia O'Brien	Liberty Cycle	
17	Kimberly Geist	East Coast Velo/Cycledrome	
18	Alyson Howard	Genesis Scuba/FFCC	

19	<b>Millie Schepetin</b>	<b>Team TAM (NY, NY)</b>
20	<b>Beth Renaud</b>	<b>CRCA/WSF Setanta (NY, NY)</b>
21	<b>Kristi Roberts</b>	<b>CRCA/Women's Sports (NY, NY)</b>
22	Shauna Gillies-Smith	Gearworks/SRP
23	<b>Jane Kenyon</b>	<b>CRCA/RLX Polo Sport (NY, NY)</b>
24	Michelle Kersbergen	NCC/BikeReg.com

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**Category 4 20 miles**

1	<b>Kara Hammond</b>	<b>Team TAM (NY, NY)</b>	<b>44:22</b>
2	Pam Alessio	Verizon Wireless	
3	Anna Butler	Verizon Wireless	
4	Karen Woolen	Gulf Coast Cycling Assn.	
5	<b>Randy Sharp</b>	<b>CRCA/Axis (NY, NY)</b>	
6	<b>Jane Maloney</b>	<b>CRCA/The Gap (NY, NY)</b>	
7	<b>Sylvie Burlot</b>	<b>CRCA/RLX Polo Sport (NY, NY)</b>	
8	<b>Loren Launen</b>	<b>CRCA/Dash/Renaissance (NY, NY)</b>	
9	<b>Regina Hammond</b>	<b>CRCA/Miya Shoji (NY, NY)</b>	
10	<b>Frances Harrison</b>	<b>CRCA/WSF Setanta (NY, NY)</b>	
11	<b>Rebecca Koh</b>	<b>CRCA (NY, NY)</b>	
12	Catherine Sterling	Yale University Bulldogs	
13	Kathleen Shaw	Verizon Wireless	
14	Laura Carlson	Evesham/Knapps-Ready Pac	
15	<b>Keri Krenichyn</b>	<b>Team TAM (NY, NY)</b>	
16	<b>Cindy Ma</b>	<b>CRCA (NY, NY)</b>	
17	<b>Lori Romero</b>	<b>CRCA/Axis (NY, NY)</b>	
18	Brooke Wilson	Somerset Wheelmen	
19	<b>Andrea Grossman</b>	<b>CRCA/Dash/Renaissance (NY, NY)</b>	
20	<b>Jamie Epstein</b>	<b>CRCA/Dash/Renaissance (NY, NY)</b>	
21	<b>Leslie Jennings</b>	<b>CRCA/SBCG (NY, NY)</b>	
22	<b>Wendy Cohen</b>	<b>Kissena Cycling Club (NY, NY)</b>	
23	<b>Cidney Schultz</b>	<b>Fast and Fab! (NY, NY)</b>	
24	Anna Parke	Westwood Velo	
25	Miriam Kornitzer	Wheelworks/IF	
26	Gerri Moriarty	Fuji-T.E.A.M.	
27	<b>Kera Verhourn</b>	<b>CRCA/Metro/Sanchez (NY, NY)</b>	
28	Audrey Souders	Westwood Velo	
29	<b>Nanci Modica</b>	<b>Kissena Cycling Club (NY, NY)</b>	
30	<b>Diane Kee</b>	<b>CRCA (NY, NY)</b>	
31	Eileen Fanning	Evesham/Knapps-Ready Pac	
32	Robin Boudette	Harts Racing	
33	Maria Oliveira	Westwood Velo	
34	<b>Robin Read</b>	<b>CRCA/RLX Polo Sport (NY, NY)</b>	
35	Sheila Smith	Westwood Velo	
36	<b>Leah Parisian</b>	<b>CRCA/Metro/Sanchez (NY, NY)</b>	
37	<b>Susan Hill</b>	<b>Unattached (NY, NY)</b>	
38	<b>Susan Foster</b>	<b>CRCA (NY, NY)</b>	

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