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Caroline Mani wins French cyclo-cross championship

The rider of BH Suntour defended Sunday, January 9 her title in Lanarvily, Brittany.

Caroline Mani, of BH Suntour, was the winner in the women's race of the French national cyclo-cross championships held last Sunday in Lanarvily, Brittany, after beating Pauline Ferrand-Prévot and Christel Ferrier-Bruneau in a sprint and retaining the title she got last year in Liévin, Nord-Pas-de-Calais.

The race in Lanarvily was dominated by the same trio who had stolen the show in Liévin. Christel Ferrier-Bruneau set the pace in the early stages, but a mechanical problem resulted in the loss of a few seconds for her, allowing Mani and Ferrand-Prévot to take the lead.

In the end, after a thrilling final sprint, the French tricolour jersey stayed on Mani's shoulders. The biker running for BH Suntour said, "When I woke up this morning, I saw the tricolour jersey and thought how I'd like to keep it for yet another year."

Besides Caroline Mani, other riders of BH Suntour took part in the competition: Sébastien Hansen and Steven Garcin, Île-de-France and Côte d'Azur champs, who were 15th and 29th, respectively.

The next winter race for the BH Suntour riders will be the Cyclo-Cross World Championships, to be held January 30 in St. Wendel, Germany.



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