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Isaac Suárez, bronze in Spanish Cyclo-Cross Championships

The Cantabria Infinita-BH rider Isaac Suárez, from Cantabria, took bronze Sunday in the Spanish Cyclo-Cross Championships. Javier Ruiz de Larrinaga placed first while José Antonio Hermida got the silver medal. The course in Parque de Valorio in Zamora put the riders to the test, and they rode under a dark sky and heavy rain in the final stretch.

E Egoitz Murgoitio of Grupo Hirumet Taldea finished ninth, losing time in a crash by the midpoint of the race. He had formed a nice leading pair with Isaac Suárez, who had a run of bad luck as well, suffering several punctures.

Following the crash, the race was dominated by Hermida, Larrinaga and Suárez. Pain-filled after the crash, Murgoitio pushed to try and pull away from the pack, but he did not succeed. He managed, however, to be fifth at times and recorded the some of the fastest laps of the race in the final section.

Hermida got the best of himself in the fifth lap, opening a gap on Larrinaga and Suárez. The man from Álava, however, shortened the distance and overpowered Hermida in the seventh lap. At that point, Suárez rode past Constantino Zaballa to secure third place.

With only half a lap to go, it began to rain. Larrinaga built a small gap that would get him the golden medal as he finished at 58:27. Hermida finished 2" behind and Suárez, 43" later, coming in third ahead of Zaballa (fourth) and David Lozano (fifth).

Full of professional pride, Murgoitio made it to the top ten –he was ninth– despite the crash. "I seemed to be jinxed in the Spanish Championships. For one reason or another, I can never make it. I was about to dominate the race after the muddy part but Suárez came up to me, touched the back of my bike and my left shoulder hit directly on a tree. It's nobody's fault; these things can happen in races. I was doing good, trying to keep the pace with Hermida, the strongest rival. In the end, the title went to Larrinaga, good for him, but I'm sad I've finished the national championships with this bitter taste. I hope my shoulder gets better. It hurts a lot now that it's got cold. I hope it's just a bump and won't get worse," the Grupo Hirumet Taldea man said.

Isaac Suárez is sorry about his bad luck too. "My legs were all set to win the Spanish title," the rider from Cantabria remarked. "As soon as I hit the course I gave it all I had to stay in front. The group expanded and Mauro (González) launched an attack that cut the bunch down to four –Mauro, Murgoitio, Larrinaga, and me. Soon afterwards, Mauro had a problem and Murgoitio went on the attack but both Larrinaga and myself stayed in front. I decided to press on and after overpowering them I realised I had a puncture in my rear tyre. I went on for a while and then changed bikes. I was fourth when I had another puncture that made me lose more time. I was fifth then, but was in very good shape to make up for lost positions and climb onto the podium. No sooner had I overpowered Tino Zaballa than I had a third puncture. I was close to the pit area, so I hardly lost time. Already in the final lap, I tried and secured the bronze medal."

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Isaac Suárez has seen himself on the podium in six out of the past seven Spanish Championships. He has won three silver and three gold medals.

Daniel Ruiz wins silver

Daniel Ruiz of Grupo Hirumet Taldea won the men's U23 silver medal on Saturday. It was a vibrant race that saw Ruiz's mate in the Euskadi team Jon Ander Insausti take the honours after pulling away from the BH-sponsored rider in the final meters.

Rocío Gamonal finishes fifth despite being ill

BH-sponsored biker Rocío Gamonal rode to fifth place in the women's national cyclo-cross race. A praiseworthy achievement considering the biker from Asturias was quite sick on the race's day. Her national teammates Aida Nuño and Lucía González took the gold and the silver medals, respectively. González was U23 champ as well.

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