

Busy race weekend for the team in Norway.

This weekend the team raced in Norway and while Tone, Tatiana, Cecilie, Emilie, Vita, Lauren and Thea on Saturday raced the MTB gravelrace "Nordsjørittet", Janicke and Miriam competed in the roadrace "Eidsvollsriddet".

The roadrace consisted of three laps in a relatively flat loop except one hill of 250 height meters. As the race got started very few seemed interested to make the race hard and with only two riders against several teams of 6-8 riders Janicke and Miriam waited. On the second lap our girls did not want to wait anymore and laid down some efforts to try and get away. No attempt would stick and as it came down to a bunch sprint Miriam got herself into a good position and sprinted to victory on home court in front of family and friends, with Janicke finishing fourth.

After a tough gravelrace on Saturday which ended in victory for Emilie, the girls (Emilie, Vita, Thea and Cecilie) left the westcoast to join Janicke and Miriam for Sunday's Norwegian cup in Eidsvoll. The race consisted of one long loop including a 4,8km 6.5% average climb, followed by a short loop and a total of 97,9km with 2361m elevation. The race developed differently from the day before as many girls tried to get ahead in the 35km before the longest climb. A lot of attacks kept our girls busy, but nothing ever got too far away and leading in to the climb, the girls where all together. At the top of the climb Miriam got away with Ingrid Lorvik, Marianne Daae and junior Ingvild Gåskjenn. They had almost three minutes on the reduced peloton when the car ahead of them made the wrong turn and led the breakaway out of the racecourse. The fault was not discovered until 3km and they were considered neutralized, but also told to sprint at the finish. The girls behind got the message and it caused both confusion and frustration as to how to handle it. The team continued the race as if the leaders were still ahead and prepared for the sprint in the peloton. Cecilie who held the yellow jersey crossed the line first with Emilie and Vita on the following places, Janicke and Thea just behind with the peloton.

In the breakaway, which ended up with a distance of 110km, Miriam got the sprint. After a discussion amongst the jury, they eventually decided that the breakaway got the win and Miriam secured her second win for the weekend in front of home crowd. With the fourth place Cecilie kept the yellow jersey.