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Pal Arinsal is situated at over 1900 meters above sea level, which makes this World Cup special. Most of us had previously spent time at altitude to acclimatize. The XCC and XCO courses were very similar, closely resembling the tracks for the 2024 World Championships. In the XCC, I started from the 4th row. I got off to a good start again; the first climb is very wide, making it easier for the field to avoid blocking each other or even risking a crash. It's a very fast course, which suits me. Since I had a few weeks' break from racing, I approached the whole thing cautiously, not wanting to "explode," as we like to say. In the end, I finished 15th, which meant a 2nd row start for Sunday. After the race on Friday and on Saturday, it rained. The XCO course has many roots, but the rocks—especially the slanted slabs—are like ice when wet. We had scouted and trained on the course when it was dry.

That made the race in the first downhill particularly exciting. Our race was also the first of the day, so there was no experience. In the first lap Valentina Corvi (ITA, later winner) and I got off well, after the first descent we had a lot of distance, then Valentina put pressure on one of the steepest climbs. I skipped it so as not to overdo it. A crash in the 2nd lap threw me out of rhythm, it took me 3 laps to sort myself out again. But by then I had already lost a few places. BUT in the end I finished 10th, which I hadn't expected!

The right direction!

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