4X#3: Mont-Sainte-Anne, CAN: 29-30.06.2002

Carter, Chausson Take Exciting Four-Cross Wins:

Anne-Caroline Chausson (FRA, Volvo-Cannondale) completed a perfect weekend of downhill races when she won Saturday evening's Four-Cross event, and was joined by men's winner **Eric Carter** (USA, Mongoose-Hyundai) who won his first world cup of the season. Racing on a jump-filled track that wound its way down the bottom portion of the Mont Sainte-Anne mountain, Carter and Chausson entertained a crowds of thousands who watched this season's thrilling addition to the Tissot-UCI Mountain Bike World Cup.



4X Final **MEN:** The men's 4X event had some exciting moments in its five rounds of racing. One such round was a thriller final between some of the sport's best riders in World and World Cup Champion **Brian Lopes** (USA, Fox/GT), former champions **Wade Bootes** (AUS, Trek-Volkswagen) and **Eric Carter** (USA, Mongoose-Hyundai) - and newcomer **Michel Prokop** (CZE, Be-One).

In that final run Carter got the lead and held it to the end, winning his first world cup of the season after missing the

first two rounds in Europe. It was an auspicious beginning to his season, as he beat 2nd place Prokop - while Lopes and Bootes trailed for 3rd and 4th place, respectively.

"It's good to be on top!" exclaimed Carter after his win. "It was a good race tonight, and I think we put on a good show for the spectators. Mont Sainte-Anne is always a prime event, so we look forward to racing here."

Carter had worked his way through some tough competition, including the winn er of round 2, **Mike King** (USA, Haro/Lee Dungarees). King finished second against Carter in the quarter-finals to advance to the semi-finals, but was finally eliminated and went on to win the small final.

Carter advanced to the finals along with Prokop, where they met the top two finishers of semi-final 2; Lopes and Bootes. "It was tight after the first turn, and it took aggressive moves to win," said Carter. "This is my first world cup of the season, and hopefully I can be there at the end - we're coming in to the fast part of the season. But my main focus is the World Championships."

Prokop finished 2nd behind him, matching his previous career's best finish earned last season in Kaprun. "Today was really good for me, and I liked the course more as I rode it," he said. "You had to have some good luck here and in the 4X. But I've been doing well in BMX racing also, and I think that helps me."

Behind Prokop, Lopes finished 3rd and Bootes 4th - giving the consistent Lopes enough points to retain the Tissot leader's jersey for another week.

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Final Ranking

Rank	Bib	Code	Surname	Nat	Sponsors	Q. Time	Points
Final							
1.	4	USA19700306	CARTER Eric	USA	MONGOOSEHYUNDAI		50
2.	8	CZE19810401	PROKOP Michal	CZE	TEAM BE ONE		40
3.		USA19710906	LOPES Brian	USA	GT BICYCLES		30
4.		AUS19740530	BOOTES Wade	AUS	TREK VOLKSWAGEN		20
Small	Final	1					
5.	12	USA19690630	KING Mike	USA	HAROLEEDUNGAREE		15
6.	6	FRA19780323	GRACIA Cedric	FRA	VOLVO-CANNONDAL		12
7.	22	NED19680416	DE BEVER Bas	NED	TEAM BE ONE		10
8.		SVK19820410	POLC Filip	SVK			9
1/4 Fin							
9.		FRA19800826	DELDYCKE Mickael	FRA	FIAT ROTWILD	32.97	8
10.		USA19730117	SCHMITH Brian	USA	MONGOOSEHYUNDAI	33.08	7
11.		AUS19771105	MCCARROLL Sean	AUS	GLOBAL RACING	33.10	6
12.		USA19740531	VOREIS Kirt	USA	HAROLEEDUNGAREE	33.14	5 4
13.		AUS19820912	ATKINSON Bryn	AUS		32.42	4
14.		GER19760514	TSCHUGG Guido	GER		33.66	3 2
15.		AUS19810622	RANDO Jared	AUS		34.42	2
16.		GBR19711006	HOLMES Dale	GBR		36.48	1
1/8 Fin							
17.	-	FRA19750324	ALLIER Thomas	FRA		31.91	
18.		GBR19740617	PEAT Steve	GBR	ORANGE ENGLAND	32.43	
19.		CZE19780529	MAROSI Michal	CZE		32.78	
20.		CAN19830822	LUNN Jordie	CAN		33.30	
21.		GBR19780602	BEAUMONT Scott	GBR		33.36	
22.		RSA19811113	MINNAAR Greg	RSA	GLOBAL RACING	33.73	
23.		USA19740816	TINTSMAN Phil	USA		33.78	
24.		NZL19760430	KIRKCALDIE John	NZL		34.37	
25.		AUS19821216	GRAVES Jared	AUS		31.52	
26.		USA19821113	NOBLE Caile	USA		34.12	
27.		AUS19800920	WADDELL John	AUS		34.24	
28.		BRA19800209	BERCHTOLD Markolf	BRA	GLOBAL RACING	34.60	
29.		JPN19760413	TAKAMATSU Kenji	JPN		34.72	
30.		GBR19810310	WARDELL Dave	GBR		35.36	
31.	30	AUS19810531	RENNIE Nathan	AUS		36.16	

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 Rank	Bib	Code	Surname	Nat	Sponsors	Q. Time Points
32.	31	GER19780620	MEYENBORG Sascha	GER		36.19
1/16 F	inals					
33.	33	USA19760220	BOSCH Todd	USA		36.99
34.	34	JPN19800422	IDEGAWA Naoki	JPN	GLOBAL RACING	37.07
35.	35	CAN19850509	BROWN Sean	CAN		38.01
36.	36	JPN19661110	YAMAMOTO Akira	JPN		39.21
37.	37	CAN19680725	MORIN Dany	CAN		39.87
38.	38	CAN19800506	ARSENAULT Charles-Olivier	CAN		44.28
39.	39	CAN19790614	MARKON Antoine	CAN		45.94
40.	40	CAN19750511	BELANGER Frederic	CAN		46.30
41.	41	CAN19831014	DONAIS Hugo	CAN		55.53

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