

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.



Anne-Caroline Chausson, FRA

WOMEN: *"This was definitely mountain biking,"* smiled Chausson after her race, referring to this week's challenging and fast-moving track. *"I felt like I was in a little downhill run, but it was hard to pass."* Chausson was happy to have raced on a course that was more like a mountain bike track than a BMX circuit, as the riders and organizers work to perfect the spectator-friendly 4-X format.

"I liked the dirt and the turns," she added *"You could slide out and it was fun to ride. The course wasn't perfect, but it's hard to describe a 4X course - we still don't know how to design the courses yet."*



Chausson had beaten the sport's other dominant head-to-head rider in **Katrina Miller** (AUS, Jamis), in an exciting four-way women's final down the challenging course. Miller finished 2nd, while **Sabrina Jonnier** (FRA, Intense Cycles) finished 3rd and **Lisa Sher** (USA, Chumba Wumba) 4th.

"Anne got the gate, and once that happens where they get the jump on you, it's over," stated Miller after finishing second. *"I enjoy the 4X; it's nice knowing there are other*

people there around you - it's a good adrenaline boost." Miller had arrived in the final run against Chausson, Jonnier and Sher after beating **Tara Llanes** (USA, Yeti/Pearl Izumi) and **Celine Gros** (FRA, Morzine Avoriaz) in the second semi final. Gros crashed hard in that run, but eventually rode to the finish under her own power.

With her third straight win in the 4X, Chausson has a commanding lead in the overall championship, and wears the Tissot leader's jersey.

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Final Ranking

Rank	Bib	Code	Surname	Nat	Sponsors	Q. Time	Points
Final							
1.	1	FRA19771008	CHAUSSEON Anne-Caroline	FRA	VOLVO-CANNONDAL		50
2.	3	AUS19750915	MILLER Katrina	AUS			40
3.	4	FRA19810819	JONNIER Sabrina	FRA			30
4.	7	USA19690419	SHER Lisa	USA			20
Small Final							
5.	2	USA19761128	LLANES Tara	USA			15
6.	6	FRA19830128	GROS Celine	FRA	MORZINE-AVORIAZ		10
7.	5	JPN19830401	SUEMASA Mio	JPN	TREK VOLKSWAGEN		7
8.	8	USA19650624	STREB Marla	USA	LUNA WOMENS MTB		5
Qualifications							
9.	9	USA19820125	BUHL Melissa	USA		40.14	
10.	10	ECU19840319	MARGGRAFF Diana	ECU		40.70	
11.	11	USA19820226	PRUITT Kathy	USA		41.97	

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