

## Sunn-Un Unstoppable at Kaprun

*Vouilloz and Chausson repeat downhill wins for second consecutive week.*

It was a total domination. Close finishing times at Kaprun's Grundig/UCI World Cup were seen only among the runners-up. Once again, the star riders *Nicolas Vouilloz (FRA, Sunn-Un)* and *Anne-Caroline Chausson (FRA, Sunn-Un)* were simply too good for their rivals. This duo, whose race jerseys vary between blue (Sunn- Un), rainbow (World Championship) and orange (points leaders), decided on metallic skinsuits today to cheat the wind and get even further ahead. These wins today virtually seal the World Cup titles for the French riders.

With the exception of the men's fastest qualifier, *Bas DeBever (NED, Be-One)*, today's runs were mostly free of crash and mechanical incident - a marked contrast to last week's troubled event. De Bever made his run last, but as is the pattern for leader Vouilloz, arrived in the finish arena with the race already decided.

## WOMEN

While Chausson's run was polished, her perennial rival, **Missy Giove**, had a couple of near crashes. *"I made mistakes,"* said the disappointed Giove at the finish. *"I almost had to stop at one point after I almost crashed, and I pretty much blew it in the three fireroad turns."* Giove now needs to win the Arai City finals - with Chausson 22nd or worse - to win the World Cup.

Second at Kaprun was *Nolvonn LeCaer (FRA, GT)*, parlaying a strong ride last week. *"The top was so slow,"* recalled LeCaer, and added: *"I'm very happy with today because there was a lot of pedalling."* LeCaer, who is viewed as a technique rather than a strength rider, is now ranked third overall.

Chausson was visibly pleased to have one more race behind her, one more win under her belt as she moves closer to the goal that has eluded her for so long. *"I had a very good run with no big mistakes,"* she said. *"I didn't go too fast on the top to conserve power, because at the bottom it's more technical."*

Asked why she is so dominant this season, she said *"Compared to last year I race with more power, and in my head I am very strong right now."* In this state of mind it is hard to see her losing a race anywhere before the season's end.

## MEN

Nicolas Vouilloz doesn't like to qualify in the top spot, and last week sat before the finish line for several seconds during qualifying before rolling across the timing lights. He again rode the last section of Kaprun's course slowly, evidenced by his slow pace captured by the Swatch speed trap near the finish.

The finals were a very different story. It was pure speed as the world's best downhill rider gave no quarter when he flew down the course. Until that point the lead had been occupied mostly by two men: **Scott Sharples (AUS, Trek Volkswagen)** and then **David Vazquez (ESP, Volvo-Cannondale)**, who finished the day in third and second respectively. Although the slightly built Vouilloz was 20 seconds faster than De Bever's qualifying mark of the day before, the course was also faster on Sunday than it had been 24 hours earlier. So Vouilloz anxiously watched the television monitor as the powerful Dutchman, five times a bmx world champion, made his descent. But when the camera showed De Bever's tyre puncture on a rock and flap loosely on its rim, Vouilloz knew instantly that he had won the race.

*"On the top it was very slippery, so I think I rode that well,"* said Vouilloz. *"After that I pedalled, and made maybe one or two mistakes. At the flat part the French manager told me 'less 4 seconds' so I thought it's cool and tried to give all at the end."* Asked about his prospects against Vazquez going into the finals, Vouilloz said, *"Well, we can lose easily and David rode well today... he finished second. So we have one week off and we'll see what will happen. But it should be David or me."*

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<i>place</i>	<i>pre</i>	<i>UCIcode</i>	<i>name/nom</i>	<i>nat</i>	<i>team</i>	<i>tI</i>	<i>t</i>	<i>t+</i>
1	1	FRA19760208	<b>VOUILLOZ</b> Nicolas	FRA	SUNN	2:04.24	4:40.99	
2	2	ESP19790210	<b>VAZQUEZ</b> David	ESP	VOLVO/CANNONDALE	2:06.48	4:47.03	6.03
3	8	AUS19671023	<b>SHARPLES</b> Scott	AUS	TREK/VOLKSWAGEN	2:08.55	4:49.08	8.08
4	11	GER19720223	BENEKE Jürgen	GER	SCHWINN/TOYOTA	2:09.03	4:50.65	9.65
5	13	ESP19760807	MISSER Pau	ESP	YETI	2:09.80	4:51.08	10.08
6	5	GBR19740617	PEAT Steve	GBR	TEAM GT	2:07.55	4:51.11	10.11
7	32	ESP19730828	SAIZ Oscar	ESP	VOLVO/CANNONDALE	2:09.07	4:51.61	10.61
8	25	FRA19750227	BALAUD Alexandre	FRA	SCOTT INTL	2:08.62	4:53.56	12.56
9	21	ITA19680219	BONANOMI Gianluca	ITA	BIANCHI MARTINI	2:09.70	4:54.31	13.32
10	34	NED19770409	PETERS Gerwin	NED	BE-ONE	2:11.36	4:55.34	14.35
11	20	FRA19770306	POUSSIN Florent	FRA	SUNN	2:08.37	4:55.41	14.41
12	51	USA19690630	KING Mike	USA	TEAM GT	2:10.89	4:55.95	14.95
13	18	FRA19730605	KOCH Guillaume	FRA	SCOTT INTL	2:12.45	4:56.29	15.29
14	23	USA19720822	ROCKWELL Myles	USA	VOLVO/CANNONDALE	2:15.82	4:56.30	15.3
15	4	SWE19770802	ENGSTRÖM Johan	SWE	SCOTT INTL	2:11.77	4:56.81	15.81
16	31	FRA19730717	JANY Stéphane	FRA	GT FRANCE	2:10.36	4:57.05	16.05
17	12	FRA19700829	TAILLEFER Christian	FRA	PEUGEOT PALAISEA	2:14.55	4:57.32	16.32
18	16	ITA19660604	HERIN Corrado	ITA	SINTESI VERLICCHI	2:10.89	4:57.65	16.65
19	27	SUI19750923	STEFFEN Andreas	SUI	CYCLECRAFT/OBV	2:11.78	4:57.79	16.79
20	26	USA19691029	CULLINAN Dave	USA	SCHWINN/TOYOTA	2:09.76	4:57.94	16.94
21	7	GER19770808	KLAUSMANN Marcus	GER	BE-ONE	2:11.90	4:58.16	17.16
22	19	FRA19760719	LAGNEAU Cyril	FRA	SCOTT INTL	2:11.85	4:58.19	17.19
23	61	AUS19750623	RONNING Michael	AUS	GARY FISHER	2:12.22	4:58.30	17.3
24	37	ITA19731110	ZANCHI Bruno	ITA	BIANCHI MARTINI	2:12.06	4:58.49	17.49
25	57	SWE19761026	ERIKSSON Kristian	SWE		2:12.05	4:58.76	17.77
26	17	FRA19750118	AMOUR Karim	FRA	GT FRANCE	2:11.95	4:59.01	18.01
27	42	FRA19800826	DELDYCKE Mickael	FRA	PEUGEOT-PALAISEA	2:10.91	4:59.48	18.48
28	6	FRA19791011	PASCAL Mickael	FRA	SUNN	2:12.71	4:59.52	18.52

29	22	AUS19771105	MCCARROLL Sean	AUS GIANT	2:12.58	5:00.14	19.14
30	9	USA19710906	LOPES Brian	USA MONGOOSE	2:08.93	5:00.18	19.18
31	29	USA19691126	PURDY Jeremy	USA GIANT	2:17.85	5:01.71	20.71
			VAN DE HATERD				
32	43	NED19720125	Wilfred	NED BE ONE	2:12.76	5:03.63	22.63
33	15	USA19700306	CARTER Eric	USA TEAM GT	2:13.99	5:04.52	23.52
			JOHANSSON				
34	116	SWE19710322	Tommy	SWE PARKPRE	2:19.28	5:04.59	23.59
35	3	FRA19780329	GRACIA Cédric	FRA SUNN	2:08.13	5:05.00	24
			DOVEMARK				
36	130	SWE19750630	Johan	SWE TEAM CRESCENT	2:15.00	5:05.26	24.26
37	10	USA19740531	VOREIS Kirt	USA MT DEW/SPECIALIZ	2:15.08	5:05.90	24.9
			FRÜHWIRTH				
38	78	AUT19691013	Markus	AUT RACE FACTORY ROO	2:14.99	5:05.92	24.92
39	36	SUI19761109	JOSEPH Michel	SUI BE-ONE	2:15.33	5:06.27	25.27
40	40	USA19671103	TOMAC John	USA TOMAC/MANITOU	2:12.42	5:07.33	26.33
			LAIHO Aniti- pekka				
41	59	FIN19760302		FIN GT FINLAND	2:17.83	5:07.48	26.48
42	99	GER19761105	THOMA Mario	GER K2-LION	2:16.65	5:07.53	26.53
43	38	GBR19741123	LONGDEN Will	GBR MBUK/SPECIALIZED	2:14.37	5:08.27	27.27
			MATHEWS				
44	226	GBR19780320	Jonathon	GBR MUDDY FOX	2:17.20	5:08.41	27.42
			CALUORI				
45	49	SUI19770916	Claudio	SUI	2:14.87	5:09.63	28.64
46	224	NED19810318	THOLEN Gertje	NED HOLLAND PROFILE	2:18.53	5:09.81	28.82
47	14	NED19680416	DE BEVER Bas	NED BE-ONE	2:08.94	5:09.87	28.87
			HERRMANN				
48	110	GER19640213	Stefan	GER FIAT-ROTWILD	2:19.38	5:09.91	28.92
			MIGLIORINI				
49	33	ITA19690708	Stefano	ITA MAPEI-KONA	2:19.28	5:10.34	29.34
			BERCHTOLD				
50	62	BRA19800000	Markolf Erasmu	BRA	2:16.38	5:10.43	29.44
			WARNER				
51	24	GBR19700916	Robert	GBR GIANT	2:24.79	5:10.52	29.52
			ARCHER				
52	125	SUI19790209	Jeffrey	SUI VOLVO CANNONDALE	2:18.48	5:11.24	30.25
			TSCHANZ				
53	100	SUI19720706	Bruno	SUI SCOTT ELVIA	2:19.45	5:11.60	30.6
54	208	BEL19720308	SALIEN Werner	BEL	2:17.21	5:11.96	30.96
			FAGERSTRÖM				
55	74	SWE19750903	Johan	SWE	2:20.50	5:12.82	31.83
56	121	GBR19720201	PAGE Nigel	GBR CLUBROOST-ROTWIL	2:17.25	5:12.95	31.96
			JELINEK				
57	88	AUT19691212	Andreas	AUT MTB CLUB ÖTSCHER	2:18.40	5:12.99	31.99
			PETSCHENIG				
58	94	AUT19730618	Markus	AUT FOX/OAKLEY/VANS	2:20.34	5:14.02	33.02

59	146	GER19681002	GROSS Wolfgang	GER GEKKO-YETI	2:21.13	5:16.08	35.08
60	189	NOR19770420	ÖSTVEDT Öyuind	NOR GREENLAND SK	2:19.26	5:20.12	39.13
61	55	USA19730308	ODRISCOLL Chris	USA SOLID RACING	2:26.98	5:21.71	40.71
62	58	ITA19780601	ANSELMO Eric	ITA TURRO RACING TEA	2:14.08	5:23.58	42.58
63	162	GBR19700526	ANDERSON Crawford Carri	GBR THE CLAN	2:14.60	5:24.69	43.69
64	248	GBR19790621	SCOTT Marcus	GBR SANDY WALLACE	2:27.24	5:26.87	45.88
65	82	BEL19731213	JADUTA Taras	BEL RAK BIKE	2:17.61	5:30.36	49.36
66	41	FRA19770217	BALAUD William	FRA GT FRANCE	2:12.04	5:36.93	55.93
67	39	NED19730920	KRUIPER Michel	NED CYCLE CRAFT OBG	2:24.71	5:49.91	1:08.91
68	45	SWE19780312	LUNDMAN Jan	SWE	2:09.68	6:00.13	1:19.13
69	120	GBR19741030	FARMER Mathew	GBR RALEIGH	2:16.06	8:48.81	4:07.81
70	98	BEL19731205	CLOSSET Pascal	BEL DIESEL-BIANCHI	2:24.19	13:00.91	8:19.91