

**Diesel/UCI Mountain Bike
World Cup - 1999**



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Rain Can't Stop the Racing

Rain played a disruptive role in the eighth, final round of the 1999 series, held on a new course at Kaprun. But it did not prevent **Nicolas Vouilloz (FRA)** and **Anne-Caroline Chausson (FRA)** from becoming the deserving winners of the 1999 Downhill Mountain Bike World Cup.



Torrential downpours during both the women's and men's races skewed the results after some riders had a chance to ride the new Kaprun course in drier conditions while the remainder rode through a torrent. Anne-Caroline Chausson (FRA) and **Gerwin Peters (NED)** won their respective races after profiting from the unpredictable mountain weather.

The rain also wrought havoc on the men's field. After an abatement of the rain after the women's final, the skies opened again just as Gerwin Peters (NED) crossed the line. His winning time of 6'45.74" was considerably slower than **Steve Peat's (GBR)** semi-final time of 6'28.37", but once it started to rain the nature of the course completely changed, making comparisons dubious.

One thing was clear: both Peat and the series leader Vouilloz, were under pressure at Kaprun. Although the series was realistically out of Peat's reach, he dearly wanted to finish it with a win. He had won two world cup rounds this season, compared to four by Vouilloz. The two had been separated by only 50 points after Round six, at Squaw Valley, but at round seven in Bromont one week ago, Peat scored only 52 points compared to 250 for Vouilloz. Vouilloz, on the other hand, wanted to end his successful World Cup campaign with a win.



When the final 12 riders - the fastest 12 in the semi-final - slipped and slogged their way down the steep, rooted sections, both Vouilloz and Peat crashed. Vouilloz got tangled up in race tape, and Peat flew over his handlebars at the top of the final steep section. Peat crossed the line in 14th place while Vouilloz was 25th.

"I came here wanting to win today, but yes it is nice to take the overall title. It was challenging this year with Steve Peat," Vouilloz said at the finish.

This is the fourth World Cup title for Vouilloz, 23, from near Monte Carlo. He has also won seven world champion's jerseys from seven attempts in the junior and senior categories.

For Peat the only consolation was that he earned enough points to move three points ahead of Vouilloz in the UCI Rankings - which account for national level and world championship events as well as the world cup. Vouilloz has held the top ranking since March 1998.

As for Gerwin Peeters, the bronze medallist at the downhill world championships in 1998, this was his first world cup round win, and it sealed his result of third overall in the World Cup series. *"I know my time wasn't so fast, but the rain started and that's racing. I've had my own bad luck in the rain and I've been working very hard for this victory,"* said Peters, 22, from near Eindhoven.

Johan Engstrom (SWE) was second at 1.41" and **Markus Klausmann (GER)**, **Jan Lundman (SWE)** and **Florent Poussin (FRA)** rounded out the top five.

<i>place</i>	<i>UCIcode</i>	<i>name</i>	<i>nom</i>	<i>nat</i>	<i>team</i>	<i>t</i>
1	NED19770409	PETERS	GERWIN	NED	BE-ONE TEAM	6:45.745
2	SWE19770802	ENGSTRÖM	JOHAN	SWE	VOLVO CANNONDALE	6:47.158
3	GER19770808	KLAUSMANN	MARKUS	GER	BE-ONE TEAM	6:47.432
4	SWE19780312	LUNDMAN	JAN	SWE		6:49.393
5	FRA19770306	POUSSIN	FLORENT	FRA	TEAM SUNN	6:50.129
6	FRA19780323	GRACIA	CÉDRIC	FRA	VOLVO CANNONDALE	6:51.164
7	FRA19760719	LAGNEAU	CYRIL	FRA	SCOTT/ONE LIFE LIVE	6:52.370
8	GBR19700526	CARRICK ANDERSON		GBR	GIANT UK DOWN HILL SCHWINN TOYOTA RAV	6:53.906
9	NZL19760430	KIRKCALDIE	JOHN	NZL	4	6:54.137
10	FRA19791011	PASCAL	MICKAEL	FRA	TEAM SUNN	6:54.868
11	SWE19761026	ERIKSSON	KRISTIAN	SWE	SCOTT ONE LIFE LIVE	6:54.971
12	USA19700306	CARTER	ERIC	USA	TEAM GT	6:55.101
13	ESP19740930	MISSER	TOMAS	ESP	MISSER BROS	6:55.408
14	GBR19740617	PEAT	STEVE	GBR	TEAM GT	6:56.994
15	FRA19730605	KOCH	GUILLAUME	FRA	SCOTT ONE LIFE LIVE	6:57.717
16	ITA19660804	HERIN	CORRADO	ITA	SINTESI VERLICCHI	6:58.283
17	SUI19761023	WILDHABER	RENÉ	SUI	SCHWINN HOMEGROWN	6:58.443
18	ESP19810417	ROJO	CESAR	ESP	CORONAS-BH	6:58.773
19	SVK19820410	POLC	FILIP	SVK	SEAT MERIDA KCK OSLA	7:00.042
20	USA19690630	KING	MIKE	USA	HARO	7:00.448
21	FRA19800826	DEL DYCKE	MICKAEL	FRA	SCHWINN FRANCE	7:01.888
22	GBR19721010	PONTING	TIM	GBR	ANIMAL ORANGE	7:02.024
23	FRA19750118	AMOUR	KARIM	FRA	GT FRANCE	7:02.151
24	ESP19790210	VAZQUEZ	DAVID	ESP	MT DEW SPECIALIZED	7:02.228
25	FRA19760208	VOUILLOZ	NICOLAS	FRA	TEAM SUNN	7:02.738
26	ESP19760807	MISSER	PAU	ESP	MISSER BROS	7:02.748
27	BRA19800209	BERCHTOLD	MARKOLF	BRA	SCOTT/MERCEDES	7:03.103
28	ITA19731110	ZANCHI	BRUNO	ITA	BIKE O'CLOCK	7:03.692
29	USA19740531	VOREIS	KIRT	USA	MT DEW SPECIALIZED	7:04.826
30	RSA19811113	MINNAAR	GREG	RSA	KONA	7:05.238
31	GER19781003	SCHNEIDER	FRANK	GER	RSV NEUSTADT	7:05.734
32	GBR19700916	WARNER	ROBERT	GBR	GIANT	7:05.931
33	NED19730920	KRUIPER	MICHEL	NED	LYON CYCLE CRAFT	7:06.181
34	USA19681114	PALMER	SHAUN	USA	MT DEW SPECIALIZED	7:07.129
35	AUS19771105	MCCARROLL	SEAN	AUS	GIANT	7:07.349
36	USA19671103	TOMAC	JOHN	USA	TOMAC/MANITOU	7:07.672
37	SUI19750923	STEFFEN	ANDREAS	SUI	LION/CYCLECRAFT/SIGG	7:07.891
38	GBR19741123	LONGDEN	WILL	GBR	MBUK SPECIALIZED FOX	7:07.958
39	SUI19761109	JOSEPH	MICHEL	SUI	VEVEY CYCLE TEAM	7:08.114
40	ESP19760604	OULEGO MORENO	IVAN	ESP	KASTLE	7:08.284
41	GER19790711	VESENBECK	ADRIAN	GER	DIAMOND- STEPPENWOLF	7:10.019
42	IRL19770906	O'BRIEN	GLYNN	IRL	ANIMAL ORANGE	7:11.029

43	FRA19770404	OCHIN	OLIVIER	FRA TEAM ANCILLOTTI	7:11.929
44	GBR19760219	WARNER	RICHARD	GBR GIANT UK DOWN HILL	7:13.428
45	FRA19810320	PAROLIN	FRANCK	FRA SCOTT/LA CLUSAZ	7:14.566
46	SUI19780609	BÜELER	ANDY	SUI FIAT ROTWILD	7:15.937
47	FRA19810616	SERY	JACKY	FRA TEAM SUNN	7:17.950
48	CZE19810425	VAGNER	ADAM	CZE GRAFOBAL-ZAMO	7:18.472
49	SWE19790622	WESTMAN	TOBIAS	SWE	7:20.285
50	GBR19810228	CHEETHAM	JONATHON	GBR ROTEC	7:20.747
51	USA19730308	O'DRISCOLL	CHRIS	USA SOLID-ELLSWORTH	7:20.878
52	GER19760514	TSCHUGG	GUIDO	GER WHEELER	7:21.855
53	NED19800318	THOLEN	GERTJE	NED THOTAK KOGA MIYATA	7:22.364
54	FRA19800722	ANTELME	OLIVIER	FRA	7:22.659
55	AUT19740422	DEUTSCHMANN	HARALD	AUT ARBÖ MTB ROSTFREI	7:27.902
56	BEL19770608	DEFERM	STIJN	BEL	7:28.853
57	FIN19760302	LAIHO	ANITI-PEKKA	FIN FINLAND	7:29.258
58	GER19760603	BAST	MARKUS	GER STEPPENWOLF	7:30.006
59	CZE19780316	HYNCICA	VLASTIMIL	CZE GRAFOBAL-ZAMO	7:30.108
60	GER19721104	BLUM	HOLGER	GER GIANT	7:30.778
61	CZE19720521	MAROSI	MICHAL	CZE ROCK MACHINE	7:31.906
62	SUI19751013	MEIER	PHILIPPE	SUI VEVEY CYCLE TEAM	7:32.414
63	AUT19710421	PYFFRADER	MARTIN	AUT BANK AUSTRIA NATION	7:33.471
64	GER19740313	SCHIMPFLE	NORBERT	GER GIANT-PASH	7:35.727
65	SUI19790209	ARCHER	JEFFREY	SUI VOLVO CANNONDALE	7:36.822
66	SWE19750630	DOVEMARK	JOHAN	SWE	7:41.104
67	ESP19771229	SANCHEZ	HIMAR	ESP SCOTT SPAIN	7:50.928
68	GBR19720201	PAGE	NIGEL	GBR INTENSE/KAWASKI	8:09.658
69	GBR19720903	KITCHIN	ROBIN	GBR ANIMAL ORANGE	8:57.083
70	FRA19770217	BALAUD	WILLIAM	FRA GT FRANCE	10:30.450
71	NED19680416	DE BEVER	BAS	NED BE-ONE TEAM	6:58.386