



## Diesel/UCI Mountain Bike World Cup - 1999

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#### Peat and Chausson Hold Fast

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#### Steve Peat (GBR) and Anne Caroline

**Chausson (FRA)** held firm as Diesel/UCI Downhill World Cup leaders. But the day belonged to **Nicolas Vouilloz (FRA)**, whose stunning time clinched first place in the men's event.

Another dry, sunny day made perfect racing conditions at the round two of the eight-round Diesel/UCI Downhill World Cup. Over the days leading to Sunday's round two final at Maribor, in the Pohorje mountains of Slovenia, riders' times kept on getting faster and faster.



#### Men

Among the men, two athletes emerged as a cut above the rest: Nicolas Vouilloz and Steve Peat. On Sunday morning's semi-final Peat had an off ride and placed 13th with a time of 4'35". Vouilloz returned a 4'21", an impressive five seconds faster than '97 World Cup champion **Corrado Herin (ITA)**.

These times compared with 4'27" for Vouilloz and 4'31" for Peat, who were the fastest two in Saturday's timed training runs.



The course conditions seemed to improve. After his run, *Dutchman Bas de Bever* commented that the course was "*very grippy now.*" In the final, his compatriot, **Gerwin Peeters** was sitting in the Hot Seat of the fastest rider so far, with a 4'21" when Peat came through the finish gate in 4'12", a time that had the 3,000 spectators in the finish area gasping in awe.

Peat's pre-race preparation summoned memories of the 1993 world championships, won by **Mike King (USA)**. Like King had done on that day in Metabief, France, Peat had treated himself to a 90 minute '*power nap*' before starting his race.

As the twelve fastest semi-final riders arrived after Peat - each falling a long way short of his record, it seemed to be all over. Indeed, nobody was able to best Peeters' time. But then came Vouilloz, the last rider down the 2.8km track with its average 20% gradient. His split times - shown on television screens at the finish - revealed that he was in hot contention.

When the diminutive Frenchman, who in seven downhill world championship starts has never finished lower than first, crossed the line his time was 3.46" better than Peat's. It was a day of superlatives.

The second place earned by Peat keeps him in the series leader's jersey, although Vouilloz only 30 points behind is within striking distance.



## Women

In the semi-final it appeared that **Missy Giove** (USA) might be able to do something to break the stranglehold of Anne-Caroline Chausson (FRA). Her time of 5'08" was 4.5' faster than the world champion, and 10' ahead of *Finnish* star **Katja Repo**.

But when it came to the crunch Chausson, wearing a cryptic series of numbers on her helmet, did it again, putting in a brilliant ride of 4'58" to show that she was unbeatable on this course.

For Giove it was a brave, but frustrating run. High on the course she suffered a flat tyre and decided to continue on her bare rim to salvage what points she could for the series competition. In view of this, her time of 5'22" to claim 10th place was a great result, one that may yet prove crucial as the series wears on.



Anne-Caroline Chausson - FRA

**Leigh Donovan** recovered from a disappointing 8th place at Les Gets last weekend to finish 2nd today with an impressive time of 5'06, and Repo was third with 5'12".

Chausson, with 500 series points, now has a huge lead of 200 over second placed Repo on 300.

The next race in the series is on the notorious rocky course at Nevegal, Italy, on 5-6 June.



place	name	nom	nat	team	t	t+
1	VOUILLOZ	Nicolas	FRA	TEAM SUNN	4:09.24	
2	PEAT	Steve	GBR	TEAM GT	4:12.71	03.46
3	PETERS	Gerwin	NED	BE-ONE	4:21.95	12.70
4	SAIZ	Oscar	ESP	MT DEW/SPECIALIZED	4:22.03	12.79
5	VOREIS	Kirt	USA	MT DEW/SPECIALIZED	4:22.07	12.82
6	KLAUSMANN	Markus	GER	BE-ONE	4:22.82	13.57
7	PASCAL	Mickael	FRA	TEAM SUNN	4:24.56	15.31
8	ENGSTRÖM	Johan	SWE	VOLVO/CANNONDALE	4:24.89	15.64
9	ROCKWELL	Myles	USA	GIANT	4:25.45	16.21
10	ERIKSSON	Kristian	SWE	SCOTT ONE LIFE LIVE IT	4:26.41	17.17
11	PALMER	Shaun	USA	MT DEW/SPECIALIZED	4:26.73	17.48
12	DE BEVER	Bas	NED	BE-ONE	4:27.17	17.93
13	KOCH	Guillaume	FRA	SCOTT ONE LIFE	4:28.14	18.89
14	MISSER	Pau	ESP	MISSER BROS	4:28.28	19.03
15	WARNER	Robert	GBR	GIANT	4:28.45	19.20
16	CARRICK ANDERSON	Crawford	GBR	GIANT UK DOWN HILL	4:28.54	19.29
17	LUNDMAN	Jan	SWE		4:29.37	20.12
18	GRACIA	Cédric	FRA	VOLVO/CANNONDALE	4:30.23	20.98
19	VAZQUEZ	David	ESP	MT DEW/SPECIALIZED	4:30.73	21.48
20	BERCHTOLD	Markolf	BRA	SCOTT MERCEDES	4:30.74	21.49
21	CULLINAN	David	USA	SCHWINN/TOYOTA	4:31.26	22.01
22	MCCARROLL	Sean	AUS	GIANT	4:32.42	23.18
23	AMOUR	Karim	FRA	GT FRANCE	4:33.14	23.89
24	KING	Mike	USA	HARO	4:33.31	24.07
25	LAGNEAU	Cyril	FRA	SCOTT ONE LIFE	4:33.33	24.09
26	SERY	Jacky	FRA		4:33.60	24.35
27	VESENBECK	Adrian	GER	DIAMOND-STEPPENWOLF	4:33.68	24.44
28	OULEGO MORENO	Ivan	ESP	KASTLE	4:35.33	26.08
29	ROJO	Cesar	ESP	CORONAS-BH	4:35.68	26.43
30	PAGE	Nigel	GBR	INTENSE/KAWASKI	4:36.15	26.91
31	POLC	Filip	SVK	SEAT MERIDA KCK OSLA	4:36.98	27.73
32	MINNAAR	Greg	RSA	KONA	4:37.43	28.19

33	KIRKCALDIE	John	NZL		4:37.48	28.24
34	TSCHUGG	Guido	GER	NPJ-DUAL SLALMON	4:38.08	28.84
35	MOSELEY	Ed	GBR		4:38.34	29.10
36	LOPES	Brian	USA	VOLVO/CANNONDALE	4:38.37	29.13
37	VAN DER HATERD	Wilfred	NED	BE ONE	4:38.55	29.30
38	SANTANA	Jacobo	ESP	CC SANT JORDI	4:39.42	30.18
39	BALAUD	Alexandre	FRA		4:40.24	30.99
40	MAROSI	Michal	CZE	ROCK MACHINE	4:42.02	32.78
41	BALAUD	William	FRA	GT FRANCE	4:42.40	33.15
42	PONTING	Tim	GBR	ANIMAL ORANGE	4:43.18	33.93
43	HERIN	Corrado	ITA	SINTESI VERLICCHI	4:43.93	34.69
44	LONGDEN	Will	GBR	MBUK SPECIALIZED FOX	4:44.34	35.09
45	JOSEPH	Michel	SUI	VEVEY CYCLE TEAM	4:45.60	36.35
46	WARNER	Richard	GBR	GIANT UK DOWN HILL	4:45.79	36.54
47	DOVEMARK	Johan	SWE		4:45.84	36.59
48	LAWLOR	John	IRL		4:45.87	36.63
49	BONNET	Denis	FRA		4:45.93	36.69
50	WATSON	David	CAN	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	4:46.72	37.48
51	TAILLEFER	Christian	FRA		4:47.29	38.05
52	O'DRISCOLL	Chris	USA	SOLID-ELLSWORTH	4:47.45	38.20
53	SCHNEIDER	Frank	GER	RSV NEUSTADT M	4:47.54	38.30
54	DAVIS	Mark	GBR	GIANT UK DOWN HILL	4:47.97	38.73
55	BLOOD	Alan	GBR	PEUGEOT 406 MICHELIN	4:48.67	39.43
56	BAST	Markus	GER	STEPPENWOLF	4:49.27	40.03
57	KRUIPER	Michel	NED	DUTCH NATIONAL TEAM	4:51.19	41.94
58	THOLEN	Gertje	NED	DUTCH NATIONAL TEAM	4:51.87	42.62
59	WATZKE	Bernhard	GER	UNIVEGA	4:54.14	44.89
60	LAWRENCE	Randy	USA	INTENSE CYCLES	4:55.60	46.35
61	FAGERSTRÖM	Johan	SWE		4:56.61	47.37
62	MRAZEK	Frantisek	CZE	KANGAROO D.I.R.T.	4:57.26	48.02
63	TLASEK	Vlastimil	CZE	ROCK MACHINE	5:00.22	50.97
64	WESTMAN	Tobias	SWE		5:02.87	53.62
65	BEAUMONT	Scott	GBR	KONA	5:05.22	55.97
66	STINGL	Markus	AUT	OAMTC RS GEROS	5:10.70	1:01.45
67	MISSER	Tomas	ESP	MISSER BROS	5:26.82	1:17.57
68	MARTI ARASA	Manuel	ESP	SUNN 2	7:42.02	3:32.77
69	BENEKE	Jürgen	GER	GIANT	9:05.75	4:56.51
	SHARPLES	Scott	AUS	TREK/VOLKSWAGEN	DNF	