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Peat Leads The Record Breakers

After a storm moved through the area the night before the race, there were concerns that the course would be slow and slippery. While it was a little slower in morning qualifying runs, the sun dried out everything except a few wooded sections, leaving the run blazing fast. *"Compared to Squaw, this course is way faster and tougher."* said **Steve Peat** (GBR), who punctured in the final at Squaw Valley in round five after being second fastest in the semi-final. *"I've always wanted to win on this course, because it's so tough,"* rejoiced Peat, 25. Second place finisher, **Nicolas Vouilloz** (FRA) echoed Peat's comments, and actually went further: *"the course is too fast, you have to take many chances,"* he explained.



Steve Peat

Men

17 years-old **Greg Minnaar** (RSA) set the early fast time for the men - 4'57.51". In his first year on the circuit, and with an 8th place result in Big Bear a few weeks ago at round four, Minnaar could be a rider to watch in the future. However, today his time stood up for barely half the field, before **Corrado Herin** (ITA) took over the 'hot seat', knocking three and a half seconds off Minnaar's time. Herin, who won at Mont-Sainte-Anne on his way to victory in the World Cup in 1997, held the lead only briefly, as a succession of riders shaved fractions off his time.

Australia's **Sean McCarroll** blew down through the finish structure, knocking the lead time down to 4'50.98". McCarroll's time would last through 20 riders, until **Bas De Bever** (NED), the eighth remaining rider, skinned a bare 0.014" off it. He barely got a chance to get used to the lead before yesterday's Dual winner, **Eric Carter** (USA) lopped a massive 2" off the leading time. In turn, Carter lasted two riders before **Mickael Pascal** (FRA) amazed the crowd, beating Carter by a 5" margin. Then it was Peat's turn. The intermediate split showed the Peat was on a stellar run - nearly five and a half seconds ahead of Pascal. He would lose a little bit on Pascal over the second half of the course, but still finished with a time of 4'38.97", at an average speed of 34.8 kph, a new course record, almost 10" faster than Vouilloz's world championship winning time of last year.



Nicolas Vouilloz

Peat couldn't celebrate just yet, though. Not until Nicolas Vouilloz, the World Cup leader, and winningest rider on the circuit had completed his run, could the British champion throw his hands in the air and do a victory jig. Vouilloz was gracious in defeat, saying that he had no problems on his run, and *"Steve was just the fastest. I made a little mistake, at the bottom, but I know already that I was not having a winning run."*

Peat attributed his win to *"keeping my hands off the brakes. I knew that you would have to hang it out to win here, and that's what I tried to do."* The win furthers his stated ambition of taking the World Cup overall title this season. *"This is my best opportunity. I have always been consistent, and with all the races counting now, (the new system) rewards my consistency."*

Second place for Vouilloz kept him in the lead of the World Cup series by 50 points, the margin between first and second place. This should make next week's race in Bromont, Quebec, the penultimate round of the series, particularly exciting. If the series comes down to a final round showdown at Kaprun, Austria, it will not be the first time for Vouilloz - he took the series from **Mike King (USA)** in the 1995 Kaprun final.

Women

1995 world champion **Leigh Donovan (USA)**, and winner at Mont-Sainte-Anne in '96, was the sixth woman down the course, after having suffered a flat in the morning's semi-final. She used that experience to stoke herself up and posted a 5'26.52" - 4" faster than Anne-Caroline Chausson's (FRA) winning time of the morning, and equal to the time the young Frenchwoman posted to win the 1998 world championship here. This time bettered rider after rider, with no one able to come within 7", **Missy Giove (USA)**, the rider who "either crashes out or finishes first or second" at Mont-Sainte-Anne overcame a lingering shoulder injury from Mammoth to knock 6" off Donovan's time. It was now up to Chausson.

Only 0.41" faster than Giove at the intermediate time check, the World Cup leader was brilliant in the second half, winning by over 3", with a new record time of 5'17.22". Chausson admitted to some nervousness, after she heard how fast Giove was. *"I knew that I would have to go very fast, take more chances. I didn't know if I had enough (to do it)."* The French champion also pointed out that she has only done well on this course *"when it is wet. This is my first ever win here when it is dry."* The win extends Chausson's lead over Giove to 330 points, making her position virtually unassailable as the series heads into the final two events.



Missy Giove



place	bib	name	nom	nat	UCIcode	t	t+
1	2	PEAT	STEVE	GBR	GBR19740617	4:38.97	0.00
2	1	VOUILLOZ	NICOLAS	FRA	FRA19760208	4:41.33	2.36
3	4	PASCAL	MICKAEL	FRA	FRA19791011	4:43.27	4.30
4	27	CARTER	ERIC	USA	USA19700306	4:48.61	9.64
5	9	ROCKWELL	MYLES	USA	USA19720822	4:49.52	10.55
6	7	GRACIA	CÉDRIC	FRA	FRA19780323	4:50.78	11.81
7	11	DE BEVER	BAS	NED	NED19680416	4:50.84	11.87
8	13	MCCARROLL	SEAN	AUS	AUS19771105	4:50.98	12.01
9	14	SAIZ	OSCAR	ESP	ESP19730828	4:51.36	12.39
10	80	RANKIN	NATHAN	NZL	NZL19790430	4:52.51	13.54
11	6	VAZQUEZ	DAVID	ESP	ESP19790210	4:52.59	13.62
12	52	RENNIE	NATHAN	AUS	AUS19810531	4:52.76	13.79
13	3	PETERS	GERWIN	NED	NED19770409	4:53.62	14.65
14	25	HERIN	CORRADO	ITA	ITA19660804	4:53.82	14.85
15	20	ERIKSSON	KRISTIAN	SWE	SWE19761026	4:54.18	15.21
16	35	MISSE	TOMAS	ESP	ESP19740930	4:54.91	15.94
17	16	WARNER	ROBERT	GBR	GBR19700916	4:55.01	16.04
18	82	CALUORI	CLAUDIO	SUI	SUI19770916	4:55.18	16.21
19	31	RONNING	MICHAEL	AUS	AUS19750623	4:55.99	17.02
20	24	LUNDMAN	JAN	SWE	SWE19780312	4:56.59	17.62
21	30	OULEGO MORENO	IVAN	ESP	ESP19760604	4:57.17	18.20
22	12	KOCH	GUILLAUME	FRA	FRA19730605	4:57.42	18.45
23	23	MINNAAR	GREG	RSA	RSA19811113	4:57.51	18.54
24	21	KLAUSMANN	MARKUS	GER	GER19770808	4:58.10	19.13
25	17	KIRKCALDIE	JOHN	NZL	NZL19760430	4:58.28	19.31
26	10	ENGSTRÖM	JOHAN	SWE	SWE19770802	4:58.29	19.32
27	22	BERCHTOLD	MARKOLF ERASMU	BRA	BRA19800209	4:58.45	19.48
28	18	KING	MIKE	USA	USA19690630	4:58.75	19.78
29	5	PALMER	SHAUN	USA	USA19681114	4:59.91	20.94
30	55	HOUSEMAN	GARY	USA	USA19800903	5:00.03	21.06
31	45	SHANDRO	ANDREW	CAN	CAN19710520	5:00.54	21.57
32	152	WADDELL	JOHN	AUS	AUS19800902	5:00.82	21.85
33	58	JOSEPH	MICHEL	SUI	SUI19761109	5:02.32	23.35
34	38	POLC	FILIP	SVK	SVK19820410	5:02.38	23.41
35	32	LOPES	BRIAN	USA	USA19710909	5:02.60	23.63

36	115	OCHIN	OLIVIER	FRA	FRA19770404	5:02.85	23.88
37	61	SEARS	ROB	USA	USA19700729	5:03.49	24.52
38	34	SHARPLES	SCOTT	AUS	AUS19671023	5:03.70	24.73
39	8	VOREIS	KIRT	USA	USA19740531	5:04.52	25.55
40	89	WATSON	DAVID	CAN	CAN19760523	5:05.15	26.18
41	49	SIGFRID	JASON	USA	USA19730223	5:05.50	26.53
42	78	VAN DER HATERD	WILFRED	NED	NED19720125	5:05.51	26.54
43	39	BALAUD	WILLIAM	FRA	FRA19770217	5:06.15	27.18
44	43	O'DRISCOLL	CHRIS	USA	USA19730308	5:06.96	27.99
45	19	CARRICK ANDERSON	CRAWFORD	GBR	GBR19700526	5:07.04	28.07
46	116	MOLLIER	EDDY	FRA	FRA19711027	5:08.61	29.64
47	40	LONGDEN	WILL	GBR	GBR19741123	5:09.69	30.72
48	69	DOVEMARK	JOHAN	SWE	SWE19750630	5:09.72	30.75
49	93	WESTMAN	TOBIAS	SWE	SWE19790622	5:10.45	31.48
50	63	MOSELEY	ED	GBR	GBR19770421	5:10.47	31.50
51	97	NABESHIMA	KENICHI	JPN	JPN19721221	5:11.09	32.12
52	29	BAILEY	COLIN	USA	USA19790809	5:12.32	33.35
53	126	SCOTT	MARCUS	GBR	GBR19790621	5:12.77	33.80
54	59	ZANCHI	BRUNO	ITA	ITA19731110	5:13.17	34.20
55	81	HOUSEMAN	RICHARD	USA	USA19780320	5:14.58	35.61
56	91	CSEFF	ERIC	CAN	CAN19780122	5:16.71	37.74
57	112	ARCHER	JEFFREY	SUI	SUI19790209	5:16.86	37.89
58	120	MARKON	OLIVER	CAN	CAN19770705	5:18.21	39.24
59	87	BÜELER	ANDY	SUI	SUI19780609	5:18.41	39.44
60	76	DELDYCKE	MICKAEL	FRA	FRA19800826	5:19.07	40.10
61	33	AMOUR	KARIM	FRA	FRA19750118	5:19.93	40.96
62	95	WILDHABER	RENÉ	SUI	SUI19761023	5:19.96	40.99
63	99	TAKEMOTO	MASASHI	JPN	JPN19770605	5:20.26	41.29
64	117	COBHAM	GEORGE	CAN	CAN19770404	5:21.14	42.17
65	124	MENARD	DOMINICK	CAN	CAN19790425	5:22.74	43.77
66	48	ROJO	CESAR	ESP	ESP19810417	5:29.58	50.61
67	85	LAWLOR	JOHN	IRL	IRL19790605	5:38.47	59.50
68	75	GEALL	STEVE	GBR	GBR19700506	6:01.85	1:22.88
69	28	MISSER	PAU	ESP	ESP19760807	6:44.08	2:05.11
70	151	MAROSI	MICHAL	CZE	CZE19720521	7:53.09	3:14.12