

## XC#5: DURANGO, USA – 14-15.7.2001

### France Dominates Downhill #4 in Durango

**Mickael Pascal** (FRA, Be-One Team) earned his career's first world cup win in the pouring rain Saturday, while defending champion **Anne-Caroline Chausson** (FRA, Volvo-Cannondale) won her 30th career victory, the two French riders celebrating Bastille Day in style, and in American



Durango, USA

The **Tissot-UCI Mountain Bike World Cup** was in the historical mountain biking destination of Durango, Colorado for this weekend's triple event - as round four of the series took place under wet and cool conditions, with thousands of spectators watching on.

**Mickael Pascal** (FRA, Be-One Team) has come so close to winning a world cup race in the past three seasons, that most observers considered it only a matter of time before he broke through with a victory. And, with some luck of the weather on his side during a stormy men's final, Pascal won round four and made good on his potential.



Mickael Pascal, FRA

Pascal had qualified 8th-fastest, but posted a fast time of 3:37 to bump then-leader **Eric Carter** (USA, Mongoose) off the hotseat - just as a rainstorm hit the mountain and changed course conditions. The remaining seven riders had slower and more slippery track conditions, and were unable to beat Pascal's time.

That included top-qualifier **Fabien Barel** (FRA, Team GT), who finished 13th in the rain, but earned enough points to remain in the overall series lead for the world cup championship. Pascal moves up to 4th overall.

*"I'm so happy to win - I think maybe six or seven times I've been in second place in the past three years, so it is nice," said Pascal. "My run was not that good, and even three days ago I didn't feel good. I crashed in training at last week's world cup, and am still recovering. But sometimes I have to go slower to finish stronger."*

Behind Pascal in second place was **Eric Carter**, who had his best result since the Cortina, ITA round last season. Carter had only qualified 26th fastest in the semi-finals, but made a small adjustment to his bike before the finals.

*"I steepened the head angle by about one degree, and it made my bike feel more like it did last year when I was doing better," he said. "I've also been struggling with my confidence, and riding tentatively lately. I talked to my team staff and girlfriend, and remembered what I did when I rode with confidence. So I basically changed my mental approach."*



Eric Carter, USA

American **Colin Baily** (USA, Maxxis) finished third with his career's best result, the 38th-ranked rider moving up to 20th overall after posting a fast time of 3:39. *"I had a little luck with the weather, but I still had a good run,"* he said afterward. *"I'm really happy, and just want to thank my sponsors."*

Defending champion **Nicolas Vouilloz** (FRA, Vouilloz Racing Team) was also a victim of the rain, finishing a distant 38th - perhaps his worst-ever world cup result. He nevertheless moves up one spot to the #2 ranking overall, as previous #2 **Chris Kovarik** (AUS, Intense Cycles) was unable to race this week due to visa problems, and previous #1 **Steve Peat** (GBR, Team GT) is injured.

images: © 2001 - Mark Dawson - [www.fattirefotos.com](http://www.fattirefotos.com)  
words: Ari Cheren



Saiz | Carter | **Pascal** | Bailey | Waddell

<b>Rk</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>UCI Code</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Firstname</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Gap</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>FRA19791011</b>	<b>PASCAL</b>	<b>Mickael</b>	<b>BE-ONE TEAM</b>	<b>3:37.68</b>	<b>+0.0</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>USA19700306</b>	<b>CARTER</b>	<b>Eric</b>	<b>MONGOSE HYUNDAI</b>	<b>3:38.16</b>	<b>+0.48</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>USA19790809</b>	<b>BAILEY</b>	<b>Colin</b>	<b>MAXXIS</b>	<b>3:39.94</b>	<b>+2.26</b>
<b>4</b>	10	ESP19730828	SAIZ	Oscar	BE-ONE TEAM	3:40.43	+2.75
<b>5</b>	25	AUS19800920	WADDELL	John	SUNRACE STURMEY	3:40.70	+3.02
<b>6</b>	18	AUS19750623	RONNING	Michael	INTENSE CYCLES	3:41.00	+3.32
<b>7</b>	16	AUS19810531	RENNIE	Nathan	YETI- PEARL IZUMI	3:42.05	+4.37
<b>8</b>	49	USA19730223	SIGFRID	Jason	COMPASSION DHNW	3:42.20	+4.52
<b>9</b>	13	GBR19700916	WARNER	Rob	GIANT BICYCLES	3:42.47	+4.79
<b>10</b>	35	USA19780320	HOUSEMAN	Rich	TOMAC	3:43.23	+5.55
<b>11</b>	17	FRA19800826	DELDYCKE	Mickael	SCHWINN	3:43.28	+5.60
<b>12</b>	76	USA19790118	LEDUC	Todd	AZONIC FOES	3:43.39	+5.71
<b>13</b>	1	FRA19800726	BAREL	Fabien	TEAM GT	3:43.77	+6.09
<b>14</b>	42	AUS19810622	RANDO	Jared	FOES AZONIC	3:44.07	+6.39
<b>15</b>	14	USA19720819	ROCKWELL	Myles	GIANT BICYCLES	3:44.52	+6.84
<b>16</b>	12	AUS19771105	MCCARROLL	Sean	GLOBAL RACING	3:44.82	+7.14
<b>17</b>	28	NZL19760430	KIRKALDIE	John	MAXXIS TIRES	3:45.21	+7.53
<b>18</b>	98	JPN19770105	UCHIJIMA	Ryo	A&F SANTA CRUZ	3:45.55	+7.87
<b>19</b>	90	GER19760514	TSCHUGG	Guido	WHEELER	3:45.67	+7.99
<b>20</b>	56	GBR19741120	LONGDEN	Will	TEAM MBUK	3:45.94	+8.26
<b>21</b>	23	SUI19770916	CALUORI	Claudio	TOMAC	3:46.06	+8.38
<b>22</b>	84	NZL19790430	RANKIN	Nathan	NZMBA	3:46.13	+8.45
<b>23</b>	9	FRA19780323	GRACIA	Cedric	VOLVO CANNONDALE	3:46.43	+8.75
<b>24</b>	44	CAN19710520	SHANDRO	Andrew	FORD DEVINCI	3:46.55	+8.87
<b>25</b>	65	USA19730308	O ´DRISCOLL	Chris	RAZOR ROCK MTN CYCLE	3:46.72	+9.04
<b>26</b>	24	SVK19820410	POLC	Filip	AUTHOR RB SKODA AUTO	3:46.86	+9.18
<b>27</b>	59	USA19740531	VOREIS	Kirt	HARO/LEE DUNGAREES	3:46.93	+9.25
<b>28</b>	11	ESP19810417	ROJO	Cesar	GLOBAL RACING	3:47.06	+9.38
<b>29</b>	6	RSA19811113	MINNAAR	Greg	GLOBAL RACING	3:47.09	+9.41
<b>30</b>	22	GBR19720201	PAGE	Nigel	INTENSE	3:47.16	+9.48
<b>31</b>	36	USA19800903	HOUSEMAN	Gary	TOMAC	3:47.56	+9.88
<b>32</b>	29	CZE19780529	MAROSI	Michal	AUTHOR - RB SKODA AUTO	3:47.71	+ 10.03
<b>33</b>	92	GBR19810817	DONOGHUE	Neil	HALFORDS BIKEHUT SCHWINN	3:48.54	+ 10.86
<b>34</b>	15	ESP19740930	MISSE VILASECA	Tomas	REAL FEDERACION	3:49.06	+ 11.38
<b>35</b>	30	ESP19760807	MISSE VILASECA	Pau	REAL FEDERACION	3:49.37	+ 11.69
<b>36</b>	7	NED19680416	DE BEVER	Bas	BE-ONE TEAM	3:49.90	+ 12.22
<b>37</b>	5	AUS19831121	HANNAH	Mick	GLOBAL RACING	3:50.67	+ 12.99
<b>38</b>	3	FRA19760208	VOUILLOZ	Nicolas	VOUILLOZ RACING TEAM	3:51.05	+ 13.37
<b>39</b>	79	GBR19760727	SMITH	Waylon	ROYAL ORANGE	3:51.46	+ 13.78

<b>40</b>	54	USA19681030	STOCKTON	Derin	INTENSE TIRES	3:51.57	+ 13.89
<b>41</b>	27	GER19770808	KLAUSMANN	Marcus	MK RACING TEAM	3:51.97	+ 14.29
<b>42</b>	95	GBR19830119	CORY	Benjamin	AUSTRALIA	3:52.97	+ 15.29
<b>43</b>	58	USA19781028	YBARRA	Scott	TIOGA INTENSE	3:53.37	+ 15.69
<b>44</b>	41	ESP19790604	OULEGO MORENO	Ivan	REAL FEDERACION	3:53.94	+ 16.26
<b>45</b>	47	GBR19810815	JARMAN	Rob	HALFORDS BIKEHUT SCHWINN	3:54.49	+ 16.81
<b>46</b>	89	GBR19780602	BEAUMONT	Scott	TEAM KONA FORD FOCUS	3:55.01	+ 17.33
<b>47</b>	116	JPN19761223	KANEKO	Daisaku	GLOBAL RACING	3:56.54	+ 18.86
<b>48</b>	119	USA19700506	LAWWILL	Joe	TREK / FOX SHOX	3:57.08	+ 19.40
<b>49</b>	34	SUI19761023	WILDHABER	Rene	SWITZERLAND	3:59.69	+ 22.01
<b>50</b>	87	JPN19721221	NABESHIMA	Kenichi	ANCHOR	4:02.35	+ 24.67
<b>51</b>	118	USA19800327	ADAMS	Nate	BIG CRANK	4:02.98	+ 25.30
<b>52</b>	71	GBR19810228	CHEETHAM	Jon	HALFORDS BIKEHUT SCHWINN	4:03.55	+ 25.87
<b>53</b>	106	USA19760220	BOSCH	Todd	RACER EDGE	4:03.90	+ 26.22
<b>54</b>	102	CAN19740402	TEMPANY	Ted	ROACH	4:05.53	+ 27.85
<b>55</b>	86	IRL19770906	O ´ BRIEN	Glyn	IRISH CYCLING FEDERATION	4:08.56	+ 30.88
<b>56</b>	112	USA19770809	HART	Scott	SUN RINGLE	4:10.45	+ 32.77
<b>57</b>	107	CHI19831123	ECHEVARRIA	Diego	CHILE	4:14.18	+ 36.50
<b>58</b>	99	USA19730705	EBBETT	Kyle	IRON HORSE	4:15.81	+ 38.13
<b>59</b>	114	GBR19831021	CORRY	William	IRISH CYCLING FEDERATION	4:15.96	+ 38.28
<b>60</b>	113	RSA19810707	HUTCHINSON	Nicholas	SOUTH AFRICA	4:17.45	+ 39.77
<b>61</b>	110	USA19730602	MORGAN	Alex	BCD OAKLEY	4:25.55	+ 47.87
<b>62</b>	96	ESP19781012	BARTOLO	Pau	SPECIALIZED	4:28.15	+ 50.47
<b>63</b>	93	ESP19810629	ECHEVARRIA	Javier	REAL FEDERACION	4:31.60	+ 53.92
<b>64</b>	39	CAN19830822	LUNN	Jordie	TEAM SANTA CRUZ	5:04.99	+1:27.31
<b>65</b>	97	JPN19800422	IDEGAWA	Naoki	GLOBAL RACING	8:27.28	+4:49.60
	31	GBR19700526	CARRICK-ANDERSON	Crawford	GIANT BICYCLES	DNF	