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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 America.



Anne-Caroline Chausson, FRA

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.

dominating this world cup season, reinforced by her third win in four tries in 2001. She dominated both qualifying and the finals, beating this week's runner-up **Tracy Moseley** (GBR, Team Kona/Ford Focus) by 5.4 seconds and tightening her grip on the overall standings. She is also now the winningest female mountain bike racer in history, eclipsing Juli Furtado's 28 wins.



Anne-Caroline Chausson, FRA

"I tried to have a good run in qualifying this morning, and knew I could win," said Chausson after her victory. "I tried to be smooth and pedal more in the final to improve my time - I did some small mistakes, the thing was to have no crash. I prefer longer courses, and this course is not the same as last week's. This was very tough, and hard to stay on the bike."

Moseley earned second place after qualifying mid-pack in the semi-finals, posting a time of 5:43 in the final. "I made a little mistake, but it was a good run for me," she said. "I was just wondering by how much Anne would win though, when I saw her split time." Moseley is now ranked 4th overall in the series.



Tracey Moseley, GBR

Third place went to local favorite **Missy Giove** (USA, Global Racing Team), who went 100 percent in an "all or nothing" attempt to beat Chausson in front of her hometown. Her run came up 5.58 seconds short of doing that, however, as she experienced a couple problems during her run.

"I'm stoked, but a bit bummed as well," she said afterward. "I hit a tree and pinched my fingers with my brake lever, but I knew that I could make a mistake an still make it on the podium. I felt that if I had a really good run I could have done a sub-four minute run." With her consistent results, Giove is ranked #2 overall in the series.

Katja Repo (FIN, Team GT) and **Sabrina Jonnier** (FRA, RSP Import Intense) rounded out the podium in 4th and 5th respectively, and are now ranked 6th and 7th overall.

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Rk	#	UCI Code	Surname	Firstname	Team	Time	Gap
1	1	FRA19771008	CHAUSSON	Caroline	VOLVO CANNONDALE	4:01.97	0
2	6	GBR19790412	MOSELEY	Tracy	KONA FORD FOCUS	4:07.40	5.43
3	2	USA19720120	GIOVE	Missy	GLOBAL RACING	4:07.55	5.58
4	7	FIN19730304	REPO	Katja	TEAM GT	4:10.10	8.13
5	8	FRA19810819	JONNIER	Sabrina	INTENSE	4:16.12	14.15
6	20	USA19680805	BRUTSAERT	Elke	SCHWINN	4:16.36	14.39
7	3	USA19711211	DONOVAN	Leigh	SCHWINN	4:19.41	17.44
8	4	GBR19820827	GRIFFITHS	Fionn	ANCILLOTTI UK	4:25.85	23.88
9	10	FRA19830128	GROS	Celine	SCOTT USA	4:28.03	26.06
10	9	SUI19770322	SANER	Marielle	GLOBAL RACING	4:28.69	26.72
11	40	USA19820410	CONNOLLY	Danielle		4:29.96	27.99
12	24	USA19750401	LAWYER	April	MAXXIS	4:31.57	29.6
13	13	NZL19771019	MACLEOD	Sheryl	NZMBA	4:33.27	31.3
14	11	USA19761128	LLANES	Tara	YETI- PEARL IZUMI	4:33.74	31.77
15	28	USA19821226	PRUITT	Kathy	DIRTWORKS USA	4:38.99	37.02
16	35	NZL19761015	QUIN	Vanessa	DD INC INTENSE	4:39.05	37.08
17	27	USA19820125	BUHL	Melissa	ODI KHS	4:40.79	38.82
18	5	USA19650624	STREB	Marla	AZONIC FOES	4:44.83	42.86
19	17	CHI19851019	PIZARRO	Bernardita	CHILE	4:48.63	46.66
20	39	USA19720606	IRVING	Maxine	SIMPLE GREEN	4:53.77	51.8
21	33	AUS19730205	MUXLOW	Tai-Lee	DIRTWORKS USA	4:57.78	55.81
22	12	NED19820707	BEERTEN	Anneke	BE-ONE TEAM	5:00.77	58.8
23	34	ECU19840319	MARGGRAFF	Diana	ECUADOR	5:09.11	+1:07.14
24	23	JPN19740606	MASUDA	Mami	MX HARO	5:19.43	+1:17.46