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Chausson and Barel Give France Double DH Win:

Anne-Caroline Chausson (FRA, Volvo-Cannondale) was again able to prove herself the fastest woman in the world cup on Saturday, but this time had only about two minutes in which to do it. Racing on the circuit's shortest track thus far, she bested her longtime rival **Missy Giove** (USA, Global Racing Team) by one and a quarter seconds, taking only two minutes, eight seconds to complete her run over slippery roots, muddy soil and huge rocks.

Anne-Caroline Chausson, FRA



Chausson's qualifying run had not gone as she had hoped. *"I tried to go fast in the semi, but couldn't ride fast. I was on the brakes and off the course."*

"I tried to go faster in the finals by letting off my brakes," she added - describing her run in a manner that would have made the descriptive Giove proud. *"I made a big*

mistake in the trees where I lost speed. I was on my front wheel going 'aahhh!!' in the woods."

Missy Giove, USA



But she put it together in the finals, shaving enough time off to remain untouchable on the day's podium - and the overall standings. *"It's just a two-minute race, so one mistake is all you get."*

Giove had qualified faster than Chausson in the morning's semi-final run, and hoped to shave time off of her afternoon's finals. *"I thought I could go four seconds faster, and wanted to 'pump' my way through the trees,"* said the former champion. *"But I hit a tree and nose-wheeled in the last tree section - my rear end was swapping all over the track, which made for a couple-second error."* Giove's biggest problem on the track, as it turned out, was the exact same problem Chausson experienced, as the two compared notes after the race.

With her win, Chausson proves that she's the fastest on any type of course - be it a speed course in Maribor or a muddy, technical course in Vars. This 'North Shore' type course that was newly built for the world cup is short, fast and very technical - a style that the top women said they liked, although they prefer a longer course where they can utilize their fitness.

But the spectators loved it, as thousands lined the course from top to bottom as it dropped off huge boulders and wound through the trees. **Tracy Moseley** (GBR, Team Kona/Ford Focus) loved it as well, posting her best-ever world cup finish in third-place after qualifying 5th-fastest. **Sabrina Jonnier** (FRA, RSP Import Intense) posted her season's best finish for 4th place, while **Katja Repo** (FIN, Team GT) rounded out the podium in 5th place.

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Rk	#	UCI Code	Surname	Firstname	Team	Time	Gap
1	1	FRA19771008	CHAUSSON	Anne	VOLVO CANNONDALE	2:08.50	0
2	2	USA19720120	GIOVE	Missy	GLOBAL RACING	2:09.75	1.25
3	7	GBR19790412	MOSELEY	Tracy	KONA FORD FOCUS	2:10.49	1.99
4	8	FRA19810819	JONNIER	Sabrina	INTENSE	2:12.47	3.97
5	6	FIN19730304	REPO	Katja	TEAM GT	2:12.91	4.41
6	4	GBR19820827	GRIFFITHS	Fionn	ANCILLOTTI ZEAL	2:13.38	4.88
7	3	USA19711211	DONOVAN	Leigh	SCHWINN	2:13.58	5.08
8	5	USA19650624	STREB	Marla	AZONIC FOES	2:15.05	6.55
9	9	SUI19770322	SANER	Marielle	GLOBAL RACING	2:15.18	6.68
10	31	USA19680805	BRUTSAERT	Elke	SCHWINN	2:15.19	6.69
11	15	USA19761128	LLANES	Tara	YETI- PEARL IZUMI	2:15.98	7.48
12	41	USA19750401	LAWYER	April	MAXXIS	2:17.61	9.11
13	47	CAN19780701	BOON	Cassandra	GIANT CANADA	2:18.62	10.12
14	39	USA19820125	BUHL	Melissa	ODI KHS	2:19.48	10.98
15	35	USA19821226	PRUITT	Kathy	DIRTWORKS USA	2:19.74	11.24
16	46	NZL19780624	HORLOR	Lisa-Ann	INDEPENDENT	2:21.03	12.53
17	16	NZL19771019	MACLEOD	Sheryl	NZMBA	2:21.24	12.74
18	37	CAN19740317	MEADE	Tera	DIRTWORKS	2:21.55	13.05
19	42	AUS19730205	MUXLOW	Tai-Lee	DIRTWORKS USA	2:21.73	13.23
20	11	FRA19830128	GROS	Celine	SCOTT USA	2:21.99	13.49
21	38	NZL19761015	QUIN	Vanessa	DD INC INTENSE	2:22.28	13.78
22	13	NED19820707	BEERTEN	Anneke	BE-ONE TEAM	2:23.32	14.82
23	48	CAN19670907	WATANABE	Karey	INDEPENDENT	2:23.76	15.26
24	54	CAN19730803	ALLEN	Sylvie	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	2:25.81	17.31
25	51	CAN19790713	HUARD	Kim	BALFA	2:26.96	18.46
26	45	CAN19670409	WALTON	Anne	JOHN HENRY BIKES	2:26.98	18.48
27	17	CHI19851019	PIZARRO	Bernardita	CHILE	2:27.78	19.28
28	36	CAN19701211	HALEY	Barb	NORCO	2:28.92	20.42
29	20	USA19690531	DAHLAGER	Gale	RAZOR ROCK/MTN CYCLE	2:33.63	25.13
30	56	ECU19840319	MARGGRAFF	Diana	ECUADOR	2:37.74	29.24