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Chausson Nearly Perfect

The penultimate round of the **Tissot-UCI Mountain Bike World Cup** featured exciting downhill racing in *Austria* Saturday, as thousands of fans lined the long and slippery course in Kaprun to watch their favorite riders go for the win - as the season winds down and the competition heats up. Under cool cloudy skies, the world's best competed in the first of this weekend's four big events.

And all were treated to a thrilling men's final where 19-year-old **Greg Minnaar** (*RSA, Global Racing Team*) earned his (and his team's) first-ever world cup victory by taking a narrow win on a tricky 2.5 km course. **Anne-Caroline Chausson** (*FRA, Volvo-Cannondale*) also won, earning her sixth victory this season.

Anne-Caroline Chausson learned last week in Leysin that a perfect season would no longer be possible, and so used both Saturday's semi-final and final runs to ensure she would win the championship - and thus won her sixth race in seven tries. She qualified fastest in the morning's session, and then in the afternoon won yet another final run - this time by nearly ten seconds over second-place **Tracy Moseley** (*GBR, Team Kona/Ford Focus*).



Anne-Caroline Chausson, FRA

"It was hard today," said Chausson after winning on the muddy track. "I knew the course would be a bit drier [than in qualifying], but it was slippery and I made some small mistakes in the first part."

Chausson had also qualified fastest earning 50 points toward the overall in the process - plus another 200 for her win. *"I had to go for it with no brakes - because you never know if you will win - so you just go as fast as you can until the finish. But usually, if I don't crash I can get on the podium."*

Chausson completed her run at an average speed of 21.9 kph in seven minutes and one second, 9.45 seconds faster than Moseley. Tracy also had problems on the top of the course but held on to take the lead - spending some time in the famous Tissot hotseat and then matching her career's best result. Moseley was the fourth-fastest qualifier, which encouraged her in the finals.

She said *"I always knew I could do well here, but last year I crashed near the finish. Today I just tried to stay on the bike, and in the first section I was all over the place and had so many risky moments. My aim was to go slow and hang on - it wasn't very pretty."*

Sabrina Jonnier (*FRA, RSP Import Intense*) finished third after also spending time in the hotseat. She took the leader's chair from **Fionn Griffiths** (*GBR, Ancillotti Zeal*), who ended up fourth for the day. **Missy Giove** (*USA, Global Racing Team*) qualified second-fastest, but crashed near the finish line and earned a fifth-place result.

With her win, Chausson has the world cup title locked up with a 465-point lead over Giove with just one race remaining. Last week's winner **Katja Repo** (*FIN, Team GT*) is third overall, and finished sixth this week.

Next stop on the Tissot-UCI Mountain Bike World Cup is the final round in **Mont Sainte-Anne, Quebec, Canada**



Rk	#	UCI Code	Surname	Firstname	Team	Time	Gap
1	1	FRA19771008	CHAUSSON	Anne-Caroline	VOLVO CANNONDALE	7:01.70	
2	7	GBR19790412	MOSELEY	Tracy	KONA FORD FOCUS	7:11.15	9.45
3	6	FRA19810819	JONNIER	Sabrina	FRANCE	7:12.46	10.76
4	5	GBR19820827	GRIFFITHS	Fionn	ANCILLOTTI UK ZEAL	7:13.99	12.29
5	2	USA19720120	GIOVE	Missy	GLOBAL RACING	7:20.20	18.5
6	3	FIN19730304	REPO	Katja	TEAM GT	7:20.41	18.71
7	8	SUI19770322	SANER	Marielle	GLOBAL RACING	7:20.72	19.02
8	4	USA19681211	DONOVAN	Leigh	SCHWINN	7:24.35	22.65
9	14	USA19761128	LLANES	Tara	YETI- PEARL IZUMI	7:31.79	30.09
10	13	SUI19810719	WALKER	Sandra	SWITZERLAND	7:41.67	39.97
11	17	GBR19830116	GASKELL	Helen	TEAM SANTA CRUZ	7:50.11	48.41
12	10	FRA19830128	GROS	Celine	SCOTT USA	7:56.54	54.84
13	11	NED19820707	BEERTEN	Anneke	BE-ONE	7:59.06	57.36
14	39	FRA19840606	VUILLEMIN	Estelle	TAILLEFER BICYCLES	8:00.18	58.48
15	16	SUI19820708	THEVOZ	Amelie	SUSPENSION CENTER	8:01.35	59.65
16	33	FRA19780223	LE CAER	Nolvenn	FIAT ROTWILD	8:11.29	+1:09.59
17	28	AUT19801118	BERNHARD	Petra	BANK AUSTRIA NATIONALTEAM	8:13.89	+1:12.19
18	12	NZL19771019	MACLEOD	Sheryl	NZMBA	8:14.66	+1:12.96
19	36	GBR19751005	CROXON	Adele	ANIMAL ORANGE	8:29.86	+1:28.16
20	60	GBR19810317	LEIGH	Jo	HALFORDS BIKEHUT/SCHWINN	8:35.90	+1:34.20
21	25	USA19820125	BUHL	Melissa	ODI KHS	8:36.94	+1:35.24
22	31	ESP19660404	SOLER	Fina	MAXXIS MSC	8:45.17	+1:43.47
23	47	HUN19761020	KISS	Dalma	HAJTAS PAJTAS	8:47.07	+1:45.37
24	45	SUI19810612	REUSSER	Pascaline	FOCUS GONSO	8:53.09	+1:51.39
25	24	CZE19780621	KURANDOVA	Helena	KANGAROO	8:54.16	+1:52.46
26	37	AUT19691005	OSBITSCH	Petra	BIKE TEAM PECH GRAZ	8:54.80	+1:53.10
27	18	JPN19740606	MASUDA	Mami	MX HARO	9:11.89	+2:10.19
28	65	SUI19720921	HOHL	Sandra	AZONIC INTENSE	9:31.12	+2:29.42
29	46	AUT19801211	MOLCIK	Anita	BANK AUSTRIA NATIONALTEAM	9:35.79	+2:34.09
30	61	GER19690331	KRAMER	Antje	BIKE'N SERVICE	9:46.04	+2:44.34