

## DH:#6 : LEYSIN, SUI - 4-5.8.2001

### France's Pascal and Finland's Repo Take Downhill #6 Wins

**Mickael Pascal** (FRA, Be-One Team) and **Katja Repo** (FIN, Team GT) dominated a tough field of competitors - and a tough downhill track - to capture victory in round six of the **Tissot-UCI Mountain Bike World Cup** in Leysin, Switzerland. With unpredictable rains and tricky course conditions ruling the day, it was never clear who would prevail on the steep mountains above Lake Geneva. But thousands of fans came out to watch the excitement, this season's first triple event held in Europe.



Katja Repo, FIN

Thirty women qualified for Saturday's afternoon finals, as **Katja Repo** (FIN, Team GT) topped the semi-final list in sunny conditions - on ideal track conditions following the previous evening's rainfall. **Anne-Caroline Chausson** (FRA, Volvo-Cannondale) qualified second, with **Sabrina Jonnier** (FRA, RSP Import Intense) and **Missy Giove** (USA, Global Racing Team) next fastest in the morning session.

Then, in the afternoon finals, the rains came back and made the course unpredictable and very muddy for the competitors. **Anneke Beerten** (NED, Be-One) posted the first competitive time mid-way through the finals, coming down the mountain just as conditions began to improve for the remaining women.

**Celine Gros** (FRA, Scott USA) - who finished third here last season - next took over the hotseat, just as the sun came back out on the scenic mountains surrounding Leysin. She remained there until the top-two qualifiers raced across the finish.

First Chausson beat her time by nearly a minute, but it wasn't enough for the win on this day. Top-qualifier Repo came across next, and beat Chausson's time by 6.3 seconds - earning the "Flying Finn" her first-ever world cup victory.

*"It's nice to get my first win - I knew I could do well in the mud," she said afterward. "I wasn't too nervous - when it's wet you don't have to go crazy fast, and I just wanted a clean run."*

For Chausson it represented her season's first defeat, as she now turns her attention to the overall picture for the season. *"I made a lot of mistakes - I didn't crash but it was my worst run of the season. Overall I'm happy though, with my results - not my race. I was hoping to win all my races this season, but don't think it's really possible for me. Now I have less pressure, which is easier on me."*

Chausson leads the overall standings by 365 points over #2 **Missy Giove** (USA, Global Racing Team), who finished 6th today. Repo is ranked third overall.

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Rk	Bib	UCI Code	Surname	Firstname	Team	Time	Gap
1	7	FIN19730304	REPO	Katja	TEAM GT	5:39.84	
2	1	FRA19771008	CHAUSSON	Anne-Caroline	VOLVO CANNONDALE	5:46.14	6.3
3	10	FRA19830128	GROS	Celine	SCOTT USA	6:37.14	57.3
4	4	USA19681211	DONOVAN	Leigh	SCHWINN	6:39.12	59.28
5	15	NED19820707	BEERTEN	Anneke	BE-ONE	6:46.25	+1:06.41
6	2	USA19720120	GIOVE	Missy	GLOBAL RACING	6:54.18	+1:14.34
7	5	FRA19810819	JONNIER	Sabrina	FRANCE	6:56.48	+1:16.64
8	8	SUI19770322	SANER	Marielle	GLOBAL RACING	7:01.23	+1:21.39
9	20	SUI19810719	WALKER	Sandra	SWITZERLAND	7:03.24	+1:23.40
10	6	GBR19790412	MOSELEY	Tracy	TEAM KONA FORD FOCUS	7:28.48	+1:48.64
11	3	GBR19820827	GRIFFITHS	Fionn	ANCILLOTTI UK ZEAL	8:03.32	+2:23.48
12	22	GBR19830116	GASKELL	Helen	TEAM SANTA CRUZ	8:16.03	+2:36.19
13	21	SUI19820708	THEVOZ	Amelie	SWITZERLAND	8:22.16	+2:42.32
14	31	CZE19780621	KURANDOVA	Helena	KANGAROO	8:28.13	+2:48.29
15	46	AUT19801211	MOLCIK	Anita	BANK AUSTRIA NATIONALTEAM	8:53.21	+3:13.37
16	18	JPN19740606	MASUDA	Mami	MX HARO	8:54.73	+3:14.89
17	42	SUI19810612	REUSSER	Pascaline	FOCUS GONSO	9:02.68	+3:22.84
18	25	ECU19840319	MARGGRAFF	Diana	SOCAL NICOLAI	9:09.45	+3:29.61
19	32	FRA19780223	LE CAER	Nolvenn	FIAT ROTWILD	9:15.21	+3:35.37
20	51	ESP19660404	SOLER	Fina	MAXXIS MSC	10:00.04	+4:20.20
21	52	GBR19810317	LEIGH	Jo	HALFORDS BIKEHUT/SCHWINN	10:01.40	+4:21.56
22	36	AUT19691005	OSBITSCH	Petra	BIKE TEAM PECH GRAZ	10:16.37	+4:36.53
23	41	FRA19850921	BAUCHET	Claire	FRANCE	10:54.47	+5:14.63
24	39	SUI19820816	FELLER	Yana	SUSPENSION CENTER RIGGISBERG	11:10.33	+5:30.49
25	40	FRA19840606	VUILLEMIN	Estelle	TAILLEFER BICYCLES	11:19.87	+5:40.03
26	12	NZL19771019	MACLEOD	Sheryl	NZMBA	11:41.55	+6:01.71
27	35	ESP19821008	JANEIRO	Violeta	KASTLE CAIXA GALICIA	12:22.67	+6:42.83
28	34	GBR19751005	CROXON	Adele	ANIMAL ORANGE	12:28.10	+6:48.26
29	50	GER19740801	WEIS	Isabell		12:45.57	+7:05.73
30	43	CZE19750819	KOLMEROVA	Bohdana	SCOTT DH	18:35.47	+12:55.63