

## DH#2: VARS, FRA – 16-17.6.2001

### Chausson and Peat Repeat Wins

World Cup downhill racing continued this weekend in Vars, France, as the second round of the **Tissot-UCI Mountain Bike World Cup** featured high speeds in cold conditions. The two that rode it best - **Steve Peat** (GBR, Team GT) and **Anne-Caroline Chausson** (FRA, Volvo-Cannondale) - repeated their victories from round one, and maintain their overall leads in the overall standings.

Conditions in Vars were cold and dark Sunday afternoon, with occasional rain and hail showers rolling through the alpine town to make the track muddy at times, sticky at others. It was a big challenge for everyone to pick the correct tyres, and then maintain as much speed as possible on the always-changing course.

**Steve Peat** (GBR, Team GT) proved today that, when it comes to consistency and raw speed, 2001 is quickly shaping up as his season. After winning the season-opener in Slovenia one week ago, Peat repeated in this second round with an authoritative run in adverse conditions - maintaining his overall lead in the world cup.



#### **Steve Peat, GBR**

*"I was a bit worried today because I messed up in the rocks," said Peat after his win. "I was also worried about Vouilloz because of that." But his rival - and #1 qualifier Vouilloz - crashed just seconds before the end of the race, at which point he was reported to be close to, or even ahead of, Peat's time.*

Once it was clear that Vouilloz would miss Peat's time, the British rider jumped out of his seat in celebration - both for the win as well as the fact that it occurred on his birthday. Vouilloz ended up 5th, and moves to third overall in world cup points.

**Chris Kovarik** (AUS, Intense Cycles) earned second place with a run that was one second slower, his second career 2nd-place finish. He is now ranked 4th overall.

*"It's awesome just being next to these guys, knowing that you're going fast," said Kovarik. "I had a great run, so I'm really happy."*

**Fabien Barel** (FRA, Team GT) finished third for the second-straight week, after qualifying second-fastest in the morning's semi's, and is now ranked second overall. **Bas**

**DeBever** (NED, Be-One Team) finished fourth after also spending some time in the hotseat, and is ranked 6th.

Conditions were colder for the men than the women, as 7th place finisher **Mick Hannah** (AUS, Global Racing Team) reported actually riding into a snowstorm during his run. But the expected heavy rains never materialized, except for a brief hailstorm during Vouilloz's run - which may have contributed to his crash.

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rk	#	UCIcode	name	nom	tt / gs	t	t+
1	1	GBR19740617	PEAT	Steve	TEAM GT	3:14.17	0
2	20	AUS19780301	KOVARIK	Christian	INTENSE CYCLES	3:15.49	1.32
3	3	FRA19800726	BAREL	Fabien	TEAM GT	3:16.98	2.81
4	7	NED19680416	DE BEVER	Bas	BE-ONE TEAM	3:20.12	5.95
5	2	FRA19760208	VOUILLOZ	Nicolas	VOUILLOZ RACING TEAM	3:21.45	7.28
6	10	ESP19730828	SAIZ CASTANE	Oscar	BE-ONE TEAM	3:22.52	8.35
7	66	AUS19801120	HANNAH	Mick	GLOBAL RACING TEAM	3:24.33	10.15
8	9	RSA19811113	MINNAAR	Greg	GLOBAL RACING TEAM	3:24.35	10.17
9	40	FRA19760719	LAGNEAU	Cyril	TAILLEFER BICYCLES	3:25.14	10.97
10	5	FRA19791011	PASCAL	Mickael	BE-ONE TEAM	3:26.21	12.04
11	17	ESP19740930	MISSER VILASECA	Tomi	SPAIN	3:26.30	12.12
12	54	GBR19700916	WARNER	Rob	GIANT TOYOTA	3:26.48	12.3
13	24	ESP19810417	ROJO VIDAL	Cesar	GLOBAL RACING TEAM	3:27.18	13.01
14	30	GBR19720201	PAGE	Nigel	INTENSE	3:27.21	13.04
15	35	GBR19721010	PONTING	Tim	GIANT TOYOTA	3:28.00	13.83
16	4	FRA19780323	GRACIA	Cedric	VOLVO CANNONDALE	3:29.06	14.88
17	53	AUS19810531	RENNIE	Nathan	YETI- PEARL IZUMI	3:29.19	15.02
18	31	AUS19750623	RONNING	Michael	INTENSE CYCLES	3:29.19	15.02
19	34	BRA19800209	BERCHTOLD	Markolf	GLOBAL RACING TEAM	3:29.22	15.05
20	15	AUS19771105	MCCARROLL	Sean	GLOBAL RACING TEAM	3:29.65	15.48
21	58	CZE19810425	VAGNER	Adam	ROCK MACHINE	3:29.96	15.79
22	25	SUI19770916	CALUORI	Claudio	SWITZERLAND	3:30.00	15.83
23	19	USA19720819	ROCKWELL	Myles	GIANT BICYCLES	3:30.52	16.34
24	56	SUI19761023	WILDHABER	Rene	SWITZERLAND	3:31.04	16.87
25	26	GER19770808	KLAUSMANN	Marcus	MK RACING TEAM	3:31.18	17.01
26	16	ESP19760807	MISSER VILASECA	Pau	SPAIN	3:31.34	17.16
27	213	NOR19800506	EVENSEN	Tommy	STORO MTB KLUB	3:31.76	17.59
28	78	FRA19840107	CAMELLINI	Julien	VOUILLOZ RACING TEAM	3:31.89	17.72
29	168	FRA19700829	TAILLEFER	Christian	TAILLEFER BICYCLES	3:32.09	17.92
30	220	USA19700306	CARTER	Eric	MONGOOSE	3:32.11	17.93
31	14	ITA19660804	HERIN	Corrado	TEAM SINTESI	3:32.24	18.07
32	28	FRA19800826	DELDYCKE	Mickael	SCHWINN MTB TEAM	3:32.26	18.09
33	41	USA19800930	HOUSEMAN	Gary	TOMAC	3:32.33	18.16
34	23	GBR19700526	CARRICK-ANDERSON	Crawford	GIANT BICYCLES	3:32.36	18.18
35	46	USA19780320	HOUSEMAN	Rich	TOMAC	3:32.43	18.26
36	12	USA19740531	VOREIS	Kirt	HARO/LEE DUNGAREES	3:33.04	18.87
37	102	ESP19700428	BARCONS GONZALEZ	Carlos	SPAIN	3:33.21	19.04
38	45	FRA19820124	POOMANS	Julien	VOUILLOZ RACING TEAM	3:33.71	19.54
39	126	LAT19800702	SKOLINS	Zigmars	KENGURI	3:33.75	19.58
40	122	GBR19801009	BARLOW	Richard	ANIMAL ORANGE ROYAL RACING	3:34.30	20.13
41	39	ESP19720717	SANTANA PASTOR	Jacobo	SPAIN	3:34.44	20.27
42	129	FRA19800709	MIDEY	Frederic	FRANCE	3:34.90	20.73

<b>43</b>	109	ESP19820930	GUARDIA PASCUAL	Bernat	KASTLE CAIXA GALICIA	3:34.94	20.76
<b>44</b>	57	CZE19780316	HYNCICA	Vlastimil	GRAFOBAL - SEMTEX	3:35.35	21.18
<b>45</b>	68	FRA19750110	AMOUR	Karim	FRANCE	3:35.96	21.79
<b>46</b>	84	FRA19800722	ANTELME	Olivier	FRANCE	3:36.12	21.95
<b>47</b>	206	SWE19820302	LAGERBLAD	Markus	SWEDEN	3:36.44	22.27
<b>48</b>	86	ESP19771229	SANCHEZ	Himar	MAXXIS-MSC	3:36.61	22.44
<b>49</b>	94	CZE19770622	JOCH	Petr	ROCK MACHINE	3:37.34	23.17
<b>50</b>	139	GER19781003	SCHNEIDER	Frank	SOCAL - NICOLAI	3:37.54	23.37
<b>51</b>	76	GER19831231	KUDELLA	Stefan	FIAT ROTWILD	3:37.62	23.45
<b>52</b>	103	GER19760514	TSCHUGG	Guido	WHEELER	3:37.94	23.77
<b>53</b>	118	SUI19750923	STEFFEN	Andreas	SWITZERLAND	3:38.08	23.91
<b>54</b>	73	SVK19820410	POLC	Filip	AUTHOR - RB SKODA AUTO	3:39.61	25.44
<b>55</b>	62	SUI19780409	RYSER	Thomas	SWITZERLAND	3:39.67	25.5
<b>56</b>	124	GBR19810228	CHEETHAM	Jon	HALFORDS BIKEHUT SCHWINN	3:39.90	25.73
<b>57</b>	37	GBR19770421	MOSELEY	Ed	ANIMAL ORANGE	3:40.30	26.13
<b>58</b>	107	USA19730308	O'DRISCOLL	Chris	RAZOR ROCK MTN CYCLE	3:40.73	26.56
<b>59</b>	96	SWE19781017	POSSMAN	Johan	SWEDEN	3:40.92	26.75
<b>60</b>	204	SUI19840330	SCHURTER	Mario	SWITZERLAND	3:41.08	26.91
<b>61</b>	65	FRA19810616	SERY	Jacky	FRANCE	3:41.15	26.98
<b>62</b>	97	GER19790209	WAGENKNECHT	Andre	MOUNTAINBIKEDOWNHILL MAGAZINE	3:41.37	27.2
<b>63</b>	152	GER19801021	GOINY	Nathaniel	STEPPENWOLF	3:41.46	27.29
<b>64</b>	59	ITA19731110	ZANCHI	Bruno	TEAM BIKE O CLOCK	3:41.47	27.29
<b>65</b>	186	SWE19800614	SYLVAN	Ragnar	SWEDEN	3:41.64	27.47
<b>66</b>	55	ESP19790604	OULEGO MORENO	Ivan	MAXXIS-MSC	3:41.89	27.72
<b>67</b>	189	FRA19840912	SAUT	Vincent	FRANCE	3:42.21	28.04
<b>68</b>	167	FIN19780924	VESIKKO	Jani	MOUNTAINBIKE TEAM FINLAND	3:42.78	28.61
<b>69</b>	87	SUI19810120	MERMOUD	Damien	SWITZERLAND	3:42.88	28.71
<b>70</b>	75	FRA19811216	KELLER	Philippe	TAILLEFER BICYCLES	3:42.96	28.79
<b>71</b>	99	AUT19810330	HAAS	Mathias	BANK AUSTRIA NATIONALTEAM	3:43.58	29.41
<b>72</b>	113	SUI19790209	ARCHER	Jeffrey	TEAM TWO RACING	3:43.76	29.59
<b>73</b>	153	GBR19750414	WILSON	Shaun	DIRT MAGAZINE	3:43.85	29.68
<b>74</b>	64	CZE19780109	SIMCIK	Daniel	MERIDA DH HLOHOVEC	3:44.12	29.95
<b>75</b>	136	FRA19770404	OCHIN	Olivier	FRANCE	3:44.26	30.09
<b>76</b>	178	GBR19821017	THOMSON	Stuart	ROYAL RACING	3:47.50	33.33
<b>77</b>	148	SUI19760610	RYSER	Bruno	SWITZERLAND	3:48.29	34.12
<b>78</b>	166	FRA19721004	FICHANT	Stephane	FRANCE	3:50.35	36.18
<b>79</b>	116	SUI19781121	BIERI	Andreas	KRAFTWERK GT DELEC	3:50.37	36.2
<b>80</b>	144	FRA19790214	PACCARD	Yoann	EGOBIKE	3:57.25	43.08