

DH#2: VARS, FRA – 16-17.6.2001

Chausson and Peat Repeat Wins

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.

Anne-Caroline Chausson (FRA, Volvo-Cannondale) knows how to deal with pressure - especially when it's on the racecourse in the form of her rivals. But she had the pleasure of some additional distraction this weekend, as her family and friends had come out to this round of the world cup to watch her race in the town where she lived and skied the past few winters. But Chausson said she didn't let it get to her, and kicked off her Sunday with the fastest qualifying time in the morning's semi-finals.



Anne-Caroline Chausson, FRA

She then repeated the task in the afternoon, topping the field again for win #2 in this 2001 season, and furthering her grip on the overall world cup ranking by 155 points over rival **Missy Giove** (USA, Global Racing Team). And this week she had a new rival waiting for her in the **Tissot** hotseat when she came down the mountain in a cold drizzle of rain - in the form of second-place finisher **Fionn Griffiths** (GBR, Ancillotti Zeal).

Griffiths had posted a fast time of 3:51 after qualifying 10th, and kept her spot as the fastest woman until the very end of the finals when Chausson finally unseated her.

"I didn't think I'd do so well," said Griffiths. "I thought I made big mistakes during my run, but now I see they weren't so big. But it's incredible to finish second today."

Chausson's win also came at the expense of her closest ongoing rivals, third-place Giove and fourth-place **Leigh Donovan** (USA, Schwinn). Both of the Americans had solid runs but, like Chausson, were hindered by the weather. Rains fell mid-way through the finals, turning to hail for the five final women and creating very slippery racing conditions.

For third-place Giove, an error-free run had her satisfied - considering the conditions - as the former world champion stayed within 4.20 seconds of Chausson - and just a quarter-second faster than Donovan. *"I just tried to go for it, and didn't have any major problems,"* said Giove. Donovan commented *"I was hoping to upset the queen on her home turf, but it didn't happen."*

"I was out of my fast lines, but stayed smooth and didn't stress," said Chausson afterward. *"Compared to this morning, the conditions went from sticky dirt to a mud like butter. I was also really stressed today, because my parents and brother are here, along with many friends. But I tried not to think about it."*



rk	UCIcode	name	nom	int	t
1	FRA19771008	CHAUSSON	Anne-Caroline	3:21.45	3:47.53
2	GBR19820827	GRIFFITHS	Fionn	3:25.21	3:51.47
3	USA19720120	GIOVE	Missy	3:25.96	3:51.95
4	USA19711211	DONOVAN	Leigh	3:26.11	3:52.19
5	USA19650624	STREB	Marla	3:26.84	3:52.74
6	GBR19790412	MOSELEY	Tracy	3:30.02	3:56.15
7	FIN19730304	REPO	Katja	3:31.50	3:57.83
8	FRA19810809	JONNIER	Sabrina	3:32.64	3:58.99
9	SUI19810719	WALKER	Sandra	3:33.49	4:00.14
10	NED19820707	BEERTEN	Anneke	3:34.18	4:01.58
11	GBR19830116	GASKELL	Helen	3:34.86	4:02.15
12	FRA19830128	GROS	Celine	3:35.55	4:02.40
13	SUI19770322	SANER	Marielle	3:37.98	4:04.07
14	USA19761128	LLANES	Tara	3:37.88	4:05.20
15	SUI19820708	THEVOZ	Amelie	3:39.62	4:06.69
16	SWE19770707	FAGERSTROM	Sofia	3:39.03	4:07.42
17	NZL19771019	MACLEOD	Sheryl	3:40.78	4:09.07
18	USA19690531	DAHLAGER	Gale	3:41.64	4:09.99
19	AUT19801118	BERNHARD	Petra	3:42.60	4:11.39
20	FRA19840606	VUILLEMIN	Estelle	3:43.62	4:11.72
21	CZE19780621	KURANDOVA	Helena	3:45.11	4:13.80
22	CHI19851019	PIZARRO	Bernardita	3:45.74	4:14.03
23	SUI19720921	HOHL	Sandra	3:46.99	4:16.57
24	FRA19850921	BAUCHET	Claire	3:45.37	4:17.10
25	JPN19740606	MASUDA	Mami	3:49.35	4:18.62
26	ECU19840319	MARGGRAFF	Diana	3:50.62	4:18.78
27	SWE19720803	ANDELIUS	Gabriella	3:51.22	4:20.08
28	ESP19660404	SOLER	Fina	3:57.39	4:26.45
29	GBR19810317	LEIGH	Jo	4:12.51	4:42.87
30	GBR19760801	MORTIMER	Helen	0	12:13.30
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3	GBR19790412	MOSELEY	Tracy	3:26.04	3:53.36
4	USA19711211	DONOVAN	Leigh	3:30.78	3:57.54
5	FIN19730304	REPO	Katja	3:33.28	3:59.16
6	FRA19810809	JONNIER	Sabrina	3:33.21	3:59.43
7	SUI19770322	SANER	Marielle	3:33.46	3:59.93
8	USA19650624	STREB	Marla	3:35.59	4:01.77
9	SUI19820708	THEVOZ	Amelie	3:36.27	4:03.86
10	GBR19820827	GRIFFITHS	Fionn	3:37.96	4:04.48
11	NED19820707	BEERTEN	Anneke	3:38.60	4:06.58

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17	SUI19810719	WALKER	Sandra	3:41.63	4:16.15
18	NZL19771019	MACLEOD	Sheryl	3:48.53	4:16.75
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20	USA19690531	DAHLAGER	Gale	3:49.31	4:18.29
21	SUI19720921	HOHL	Sandra	3:49.34	4:19.93
22	SWE19770707	FAGERSTROM	Sofia	3:50.39	4:20.58
23	AUT19801118	BERNHARD	Petra	3:51.95	4:21.95
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31	SUI19820816	FELLER	Yana	4:07.64	4:40.04
32	ESP19821008	JANEIRO	Violeta	4:11.14	4:42.56
33	ESP19760226	LOPEZ	Sandra	4:26.27	5:00.23
34	GER19780319	JEREKO	Anja	4:31.59	5:03.05
35	GER19790228	GRANZOW	Sonja	4:40.24	5:14.08
	<i>FRA19810405</i>	<i>CARROUEE</i>	<i>Charlotte</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>DNF</i>
	<i>AUS19750915</i>	<i>MILLER</i>	<i>Katrina</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>DNS</i>
	<i>GER19661019</i>	<i>LOHNDORF</i>	<i>Marion</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>DNS</i>