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Chausson and Peat Tame Mont Sainte-Anne Downhill

Anne-Caroline Chausson (FRA, Volvo-Cannondale) and **Steve Peat** (GBR, Orange England) are two of downhill racing's very best and most consistent finishers. And they proved it again today, showing that they have the well-rounded skills needed to tame the long and demanding track here at Mont Sainte-Anne, Quebec when they won round #3 of the **Tissot-UCI Mountain Bike World Cup downhill**.

With warm conditions drying a course made muddy from previous days' rains, the third stop of the Downhill World Cup was held on Saturday, at this weekend's triple event in Canada. And with a difficult new tree section added to the top of this famous 3.1 km course, conditions were even more challenging for the 27 women and 80 men who contested a track full of rocks, roots and high speeds.

WOMEN: Chausson started out her day by winning the semi-final, earning 50 points toward the overall when she beat **Sabrina Jonnier** (FRA, Intense Cycles) and **Tracy Moseley** (GBR, Team Kona) by 5 seconds and 10 seconds respectively in the seeding run. Then she repeated the feat again in the afternoon finals, beating 2nd place Jonnier and 3rd place Moseley again - if by a smaller margin.

"This course is not the best for me - it's very technical and full of roots," said Chausson shortly after winning her second world cup of this season. *"For me to do well in this situation is very good for me. I just wasn't very smooth today, but then I never feel that good on this Mont Sainte-Anne track."*

Even though this isn't Chausson's favorite course, she knows that she has to work extra hard to earn a win here. *"I practice so hard and we put in so much work, I'm even more happy when I can win here,"* she added. *"I didn't have any problems today, but made a mistake on the first fast section in a chicane."*



Anne-Caroline Chausson, FRA



Sabrina Jonnier, FRA

And I was also too slow in the new wooded section, so I just tried to keep going as best as I could."

With those problems, Chausson lost some of her winning edge in the finals as she found herself working hard to maintain her lead, finishing the run exhausted and out of breath.

"At the mid-point Anne was 3.5 seconds faster than me, but only 2 seconds faster at the finish," smiled Jonnier afterward. *"So that means I did the lower section faster."* For Jonnier, who came into this round wearing the Tissot leader's jersey, second place was satisfying, especially in light of her highly successful season thus far. *"The difference this year has been my training, and I'm also more mature and confident,"* said Jonnier, adding *"Plus I have a good team and a good bike."*

3rd place Tracy Moseley could be proud of her run as well, as she finished 11 seconds off the win - not bad considering all that happened to her. *"I crashed and flew over the bars in the new wooded section, which slowed me down,"* she said. *"I also crashed there in qualifying as well as practice. But otherwise I'm pleased; until I crashed I thought I had a brilliant run going."*

Englishwoman Moseley, who won her career's first world cup in round one, knows that this season is a special one - and her speed on the bike attests to that. *"I know I'm riding as fast as Sabrina and Anne-Caroline right now, so without a mistake [my final run] would have been good,"* she said.

Another British rider finished well when **Fionn Griffiths** (GBR, Ancillotti Zeal) took 4th place, while **Marielle Saner** (SUI, Team Global Racing) - nursing an injured eye - rounded out the podium in 5th place. Just a half-second off the podium was **Marla Streb** (USA, Luna Chix), in her first world cup race of the season.



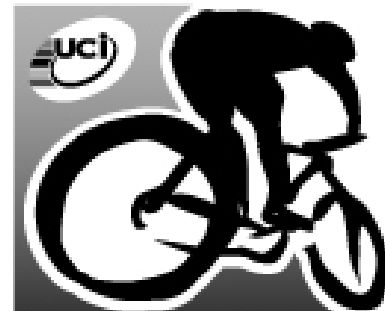
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Mont Sainte Anne, CAN
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Downhill Final Results

Women

Rank	Bib	Code	Surname	Nat	Team	Inter	Speed	Time	Gap	Pts
1.	3	FRA19771008	CHAUSSON Anne-Caroline	FRA	VOLVO-CANNOND	4:12.61		5:54.47		200
Course length : 3100 m / 1.93 Mile - Average Speed : 31.48 Km/h / 19.56 Mph										
2.	1	FRA19810819	JONNIER Sabrina	FRA		4:16.08		5:56.29	+1.82	160
3.	2	GBR19790412	MOSELEY Tracy	GBR		4:24.75		6:05.51	+11.04	140
4.	5	GBR19820827	GRIFFITHS Fionn	GBR		4:26.44		6:08.93	+14.46	125
5.	6	SUI19770322	SANER Marielle	SUI	GLOBAL RACING	4:25.77		6:11.85	+17.38	110
6.	31	USA19650624	STREB Marla	USA	LUNA WOMENS M	4:30.96		6:12.28	+17.81	95
7.	33	USA19690419	SHER Lisa	USA		4:29.61		6:15.32	+20.85	90
8.	21	USA19750401	LAWYER April	USA		4:31.71		6:21.24	+26.77	85
9.	14	JPN19830401	SUEMASA Mio	JPN	TREK VOLKSWAG	4:38.55		6:23.18	+28.71	80
10.	4	NZL19761015	QUIN Vanessa	NZL		4:34.03		6:23.27	+28.80	75
11.	16	USA19820226	PRUITT Kathy	USA		4:44.11		6:31.81	+37.34	71
12.	7	USA19730120	GIOVE Missy	USA	GLOBAL RACING	4:47.71		6:31.93	+37.46	67
13.	11	FRA19830128	GROS Celine	FRA	MORZINE-AVORI	4:45.92		6:36.55	+42.08	63
14.	34	NZL19780624	HORLOR Lisa-Ann	NZL		4:46.54		6:36.67	+42.20	59
15.	32	SUI19820708	THEVOZ Amelie	SUI		5:00.84		6:37.87	+43.40	55
16.	23	USA19820125	BUHL Melissa	USA		4:52.42		6:41.25	+46.78	52
17.	13	GBR19830116	GASKELL Helen	GBR		4:54.53		6:46.05	+51.58	49
18.	15	SUI19810719	WALKER Sandra	SUI		4:54.85		6:47.67	+53.20	46
19.	35	CAN19780701	BOON Cassandra	CAN		5:02.76		6:55.03	+1:00.56	43
20.	22	NED19820707	BEERTEN Anneke	NED	TEAM BE ONE	4:59.52		6:57.53	+1:03.06	40
21.	17	SUI19810612	REUSSER Pascaline	SUI		5:02.35		7:01.56	+1:07.09	37
22.	12	FRA19780223	LE CAER Nolvenn	FRA	FIAT ROTWILD	4:51.74		7:04.24	+1:09.77	34
23.	19	ECU19840319	MARGGRAFF Diana	ECU		5:19.40		7:13.80	+1:19.33	32
24.	26	JPN19740606	MASUDA Mami	JPN		5:20.67		7:15.83	+1:21.36	30
25.	38	CAN19700615	DUMARESQ Michelle	CAN		5:25.73		7:26.16	+1:31.69	28
26.	37	CAN19780609	POIRIER Sophie	CAN		7:03.23		9:29.94	+3:35.47	25
	36	CAN19750124	JOHNSON Cassidy	CAN				DNF		

Speed in Km/h - DNS=Did Not Start - DNF = Did Not Finish - DSQ = Disqualified

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