

## GT Gets a One-Two

A muscular final between GT team-mates **Mike King** and **Eric Carter** provided a thrilling climax to the inaugural Dual World Cup round, at Stellenbosch, Saturday evening. King rode off with the winner's cheque, but for a while there it was close. The women's final saw an early conclusion when **Lisa Sher** (USA, *White Bros/Rotec*) fell early in the run.



The women's top downhill stars eyed the event with caution, all of the superstars but **Giovanna Bonazzi** (ITA, *Sintesi-Verlicchi*) watched from the sideline. But the top men showed no hesitation about getting involved in cycling's newest World Cup sport.



The King-Carter final could have gone either way until the second turn. After showing one another a healthy elbow, Eric Carter slipped up and thereafter decided that showboating was the better part of valour. 1993 downhill world champion, Mike King had been looking for an international win for some time, and he was prepared to fight for it. Carter was a late signing to the team after 1997 star, **Steve Peat** (GBR) dislocated his hip in a moto-cross accident before the season began.



Lisa Sher came up against **Malin Lindgren** (SWE) in the women's final. Lindgren is getting to be an old hand at Dual, having done well in last year's trial events. Yet when Sher fell at the first berm, Lindgren needed simply to remain upright to claim her winner's prize.

See the forthcoming issue of MTB News for an interview with Dual course designer, **Glen Jacobs**.

## Statistics:

- **Length:** Very short, 14-17 seconds
- **Gradient:** Piano
- **Corners:** Two main corners, each bermed
- **Jumps:** Yep, several of them, but nearer to the finish
- **Other features:** compact course

**Men/Hommes-**

<i>Rank</i>	<i>bib</i>	<i>Name/nom</i>		<i>nat</i>	<i>WCPTS</i>	<i>UCICODE</i>
1	4	KING	MIKE	USA	50	USA19690630
2	2	CARTER	ERIC	USA	40	USA19700306
3	1	LOPES	BRIAN	USA	30	USA19710908
4	3	PALMER	SHAUN	USA	20	USA19681114
5	8	TOMAC	JOHN	USA	10	USA19671103
5	5	CULLINAN	DAVE	USA	10	USA19691029
5	11	TSUKAMOTO	TAKASHI	JPN	10	JPN19701123
5	10	BEAUMONT	SCOTT	GBR	10	GBR19780602
6	6	KLAUSMANN	MARCUS	GER	5	GER19770808
6	12	AMOUR	KARIM	FRA	5	FRA19750118
6	20	GRACIA	CÉDRIC	FRA	5	FRA19780329
6	19	ENGSTRÖM	JOHAN	SWE	5	SWE19770802
6	18	YANAGIHARA	YASUHIRO	JPN	5	JPN19720720
6	7	WATSON	DAVID	CAN	5	CAN19760523
6	16	LONGDON	WILL	GBR	5	GBR19741123
6	24	PONTING	TIM	GBR	5	GBR19721010
7	28	DEFERM	STIJN	BEL	0	BEL19770608
7	23	BÜELER	ANDY	SUI	0	SUI19780609
7	14	JOSEPH	MICHEL	SUI	0	SUI19761109
7	9	POUSSIN	FLORENT	FRA	0	FRA19770306
7	21	KOCH	GUILLAUME	FRA	0	FRA19730605
7	17	RUMBELOW	ROBIN	RSA	0	RSA19761214
7	15	HASLINGER	HARALD	AUT	0	AUT19720501
7	31	GOODWIN	TIM	RSA	0	RSA19760326
7	29	BARNARD	GARY	RSA	0	RSA19760517
7	27	VICTOR	DYLAN	RSA	0	RSA19791208
7	26	NIXON	CHRIS	RSA	0	RSA19680927
7	22	PENN	MARIO	AUT	0	AUT19711228
7	13	TSCHUGG	GUIDO	GER	0	GER19760514
7	32	PEISER	AIDAN	RSA	0	RSA19800516
7	25	PEISER	MARC	RSA	0	RSA19770518
7	30	KELSEY	MYLES	RSA	0	RSA19720125