

## 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

**Women/Femmes--**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>bib</b>	<b>Name/nom</b>		<b>nat</b>	<b>WCPTS</b>	<b>UCICODE</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>LINDGREN</b>	<b>MALIN</b>	<b>SWE</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>SWE19740824</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>SHER</b>	<b>LISA</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>USA19690419</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>JORGENSEN</b>	<b>SARI</b>	<b>SUI</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>SUI19800725</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>ELLIOTT</b>	<b>CHERI</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>USA19700417</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>HAMMA</b>	<b>ULRIKE</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>GER19710927</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>KURANDOVA</b>	<b>HELENA</b>	<b>CZE</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>CZE19780621</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>MORTIMER</b>	<b>HELEN</b>	<b>GBR</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>GBR19760801</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>BONAZZI</b>	<b>GIOVANNA</b>	<b>ITA</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>ITA19660724</b>