

Mont-Ste-Annes, CAN - dh #6 - - 31 July - 1 August - Report / Rapport Carter At Last

The inventive **Eric Carter** (USA) finally fulfilled his potential by winning a round of the Swatch Dual World Series. And in the women's competition, the world's number one, **Katrina Miller** (AUS), bounced back after injuring her ankle at Squaw Valley on 10 July to score yet another convincing win.

The weather at Mont-Sainte-Anne was hot and humid, well above 30C, leading announcer Peter Graves to quip: *"the riders won't need much of a warmup tonight."* However, despite the heat, which turned body armour into sweat factories, the racing was judged to be some of the finest of the season so far. The biggest upset came when Men's series leader **Brian Lopes** (USA) was knocked out in the quarter finals by **Philip Tinstman** (USA). Although visibly shocked and disappointed by his defeat, Lopes retains his overall series lead, while Carter moved up to second.



In training the day before competition the course had caused concerns among the top riders, who claimed that the two lanes were of uneven difficulty. So the race organizers worked overnight to fix the problems. *"The course shaped up real good"*, said Carter after his win. *"It has passing capabilities, which most don't. I would judge it the best of the season."* Miller echoed his compliments: *"Yesterday it wasn't very even, but the volunteers made a lot of changes, made lots of passing possible, which is usually a problem."*

Other than Lopes' loss to Tinstman, there were no other major upsets as the riders worked their way through the draws. In the women's event, the first big match-up put Miller against **Sari**

Jorgensen (SUI) in one of the two semi-final rounds. Miller admitted afterwards *"I was most nervous going against Sari."* However, Jorgensen crashed at a turn in the upper section of the course, giving Miller a cruise into the final. **Malin Lindgren** (SWE) also benefited from a crash in her semi, with **Tara Llanes** (USA) going down at the very end of their race.

The Lindgren-Llanes match was one of the most exciting of the evening, with Llanes first leading, then losing her lead to Lindgren, before flying high over the final double bump to put them even in the final few metres. Llanes was possibly the only woman to clear the double all night, and that probably is what got her into trouble. She hit the ground, slipped off her pedals, started to recover, then crashed hard only a couple of metres from the line. In the Final, Miller didn't have too much trouble disposing of Lindgren (racing in her first Final), while Jorgensen won a fairly close contest with Llanes.

The men's event was a 'crashfest' from the start. The most spectacular took place in the 1/8 finals, when both riders hit the dirt and bikes went flying into the fencing! One of the crashers was eventual third place finisher **Michael Marois** (Rock Machine), who quickly scrambled back on his bike to coast to the next round. Carter easily beat the less experienced Marois in their semi. **Mike King** (USA) produced the most exciting ride of the evening, when he came from behind close to the finish the line to dispose of Tinstman in the other semi. In the Final, King and Carter were neck and neck through the upper part of the circuit, before Carter got a slight lead into the last corner and over the double bump, to take his first victory of the year (after finishing second to Lopes in the last two rounds).



<i>place</i>	<i>bib</i>	<i>name</i>	<i>nom</i>	<i>nat</i>	<i>points</i>	<i>UCIcode</i>
1	4	MILLER	KATRINA	AUS	50	AUS19750915
2	6	LINDGREN	MALIN	SWE	40	SWE19740824
3	1	JÖRGENSEN	SARI	SUI	30	SUI19800725
4	2	LLANES	TARA	USA	20	USA19761128
5	3	MORTIMER	HELEN	GBR	10	GBR19760801
5	5	MUXLOW	TAI-LEE	AUS	10	AUS19730502
5	7	MEADE	TERA	CAN	10	CAN19740317
5	8	BONAZZI	GIOVANNA	ITA	10	ITA19660724
9	9	SUEMASA	MIO	JPN	0	JPN19830401
9	10	WARD	NATASHA		0	CAN19720928