

Diesel/UCI Mountain Bike World Cup - 1999

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Miller Injured, Lopes Extends His Lead

Australia's Dual Superwoman, **Katrina Miller**, sprained an ankle while training on the downhill course at Squaw Valley today. Even though she was forced to miss the fifth round of the Swatch Dual, Miller retains her series lead. **Tara Llanes** (USA) won comfortably from **Leigh Donovan** (USA). In a repeat of the the round-four final, two weeks ago, **Brian Lopes** (USA) defeated his compatriot **Eric Carter**, and so pulls further ahead in the series.

While Lopes had an untroubled path to the winner's prize, rivals **Mike King** (USA) and **Karim Amour** (FRA) again had an explosive clash after a bad-tempered meeting at Maribor, Slovenia, in round two of the series. King was disqualified by the commissaires for riding off the course after clipping Amour's wheel. Amour went on to finish third, and keeps his fourth place in the overall standings, one ahead of King.

The women's race, fielded a disappointing start list, only nine riders, which was further weakened by Miller's absence. Llanes made no mistake, however, and capitalized on this opportunity to put pressure on Donovan and Miller for the series win.

With three rounds remaining, Llanes is now on 140 points, Leigh Donovan on 150, and Miller on 200. But with 50 points for the win, Miller can scarce afford to miss the forthcoming rounds at Mont-Sainte-Anne and Bromont, three and four weeks, respectively, from now.

At this stage it is too early to say just how badly her ankle is damaged.





place	bib	name	nom	nat	points
1		LOPES	BRIAN	USA	50
2	8	CARTER	ERIC	USA	40
3	6	AMOUR	KARIM	FRA	30
4	4	BEAUMONT	SCOTT	GBR	20
5	1	GRACIA	CÉDRIC	FRA	10
5	3	KING	MIKE	USA	10
5	5	HOUSEMAN	RICHARD	USA	10
5	10	BOOTES	WADE	USA	10
9	11	SNIDER	TODD	USA	5
9	12	POLC	FILIP	SVK	5
9	15	TINSTMAN	PHILIP	USA	5
9	16	O'DRISCOLL	CHRIS	USA	5
9	19	PAGE	NIGEL	GBR	5
9	20	O'BRIEN	GLYN	IRL	5
9	24	LAWWILL	JOE	USA	5
9	26	SEARS	ROB	USA	5
17	7	WHITE	RYAN	USA	0
17	9	GEALL	STEVE	GBR	0
17	13	HOUSEMAN	GARY	USA	0
17	14	MINNAAR	GREG	RSA	0
17	17	YBARRA	SCOTT	USA	0
17	18	LAWRENCE	RANDY	USA	0
17	22	KIRKCALDIE	JOHN	NZL	0
17	23	BÜELER	ANDY	SUI	0
17	25	PONTING	TIM	GBR	0
17	27	WATSON	DAVID	CAN	0
17	28	LONGDEN	WILL	GBR	0
17	29	VICK	IRA	USA	0
17	30	THOMPSON	TYLER	USA	0
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