

Tissot/UCI Mountain Bike World Cup - 2000 - Coupe du Monde MTB

DH #6 - Arai Mountain, JPN - 22-23.7.2000

Lopes and Chausson Tested, Still Win Dual #6

The two best dual riders of the season, **Brian Lopes** (*USA, Volvo-Cannondale*) and **Anne-Caroline Chausson** (*FRA, Volvo-Cannondale*), used all their speed and skill before a huge Japanese crowd to show why they're both leading the Tissot-UCI Mountain Bike World Cup Dual series Saturday evening.

Under clear skies and warm evening temperatures, round six of the Dual World Cup entertained thousands of spectators in the waning afternoon light, a small but powerful field of international riders flying high above a twisting course - and landing to the loud cheers of the crowd. After its debut here in 1998, the world cup series returned to the Arai Mountain & Snow Park for the first of three scheduled years of downhill here - four hours from Tokyo.

The course, designed by *Glen Jacobs*, was in perfect shape for racing as no rain has fallen on the venue since riders arrived last week. The run begins with a nearly vertical stall wall, followed by several creative turns and then a huge mogul field of bumps. Then a table-top jump launched bikes before a hard banked turn on one last table-top before the finish.



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Anne-Caroline Chausson - FRA

Chausson, who is undefeated in dual racing this season since she started the sport in Cortina's round two, went up against **Leigh Donovan** (*USA, Schwinn/Toyota*) in the women's final run. And, just as she had done in Cortina, she won the run in a closely fought battle with the American. After taking the lead early, she held on for the win, Donovan shadowing the whole way.

1999's world cup champion **Katrina Miller** (*AUS, Jamis*) beat **Tara Llanes** (*USA, Subaru-Specialized*) in the consolation round, the two top-ranked riders also putting out a fast and clean effort for the cheering crowd.

Ari Cheren



<i>place</i>	<i>UCIcode</i>	<i>name</i>	<i>nom</i>	<i>tt / gs</i>
1	FRA19771008	CHAUSSON	Anne-Caroline	VOLVO CANNONDALE
2	USA19711211	DONOVAN	Leigh	SCHWINN TOYOTA RAV 4
3	AUS19750915	MILLER	Katrina	JAMIS
4	USA19761128	LLANES	Tara	SUBARU-SPECIALIZED
5	FRA19810819	JONNIER	Sabrina	TEAM GT
6	JPN19761108	SAKAMOTO	Miwa	TEAM KARPIEL
7	SUI19800725	JÖRGENSEN	Sari	TOMAC
8	GBR19760801	MORTIMER	Helen	MB UK/JAMIS
9	JPN19690623	FUJINAKA	Haruko	KUWAHARA/TUFF STUFF
10	JPN19780620	INOMATA	Hiroko	TEAM KOOWHO

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