

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

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Chausson Wins First-Ever Dual, Lopes Maintains Series

Anne-Caroline Chausson (*FRA, Volvo-Cannondale*) demonstrated her versatility as a mountain biker Saturday, when the multi-champion downhill racer successfully made the transition to the young dual discipline by winning round two of the world cup dual series - in only her first attempt ever. Minutes later her teammate, **Brian Lopes** (*USA, Volvo-Cannondale*), won his second-straight dual as both dominated a tough course in Cortina, Italy.

The light-coloured rock of these dolomite mountains flew off the knobby tyres of these top riders' bikes Saturday evening, as 32 men and 16 women vied for the win on the exposed ski slopes of this famous resort. With the vertical rock cliffs of the region as their backdrop, riders went head-to-head in the single-elimination format until only two men, and two women, remained.

The course at Cortina features many sharp banked turns, double and triple-jumps and tabletop to keep racers on their toes and on the edge of control. Sometimes, particularly in the men's race, riders lost control in the loose rocks and crashed, although no one was injured.

With two riders on the course it is necessary to ride very close together, as was the case when **Scott Beaumont** (*GBR, Kona*) and **Eric Carter** (*USA, Team GT*) came together in the men's quarter-finals. Carter crashed out of the race and Beaumont advanced to the semi's against **Cédric Gracia** (*FRA, Volvo-Cannondale*). Beaumont then beat Gracia to advance to the final round.

Meanwhile Brian Lopes (*USA, Volvo-Cannondale*) advanced to the finals by beating **Karim Amour** (*FRA, Vouilloz Racing Team*). Amour had crashed with **Steve Peat** (*GBR, Team GT*) in round of eight, but was eliminated in the semi-final against Gracia in the consolation round.

Lopes went up against Beaumont in the final run, and after a self-described "*terrible start*," got ahead of the Englishman by the course's mid-point and won the heat to maintain his perfect record of two wins in as many tries. Lopes, who narrowly beat teammate Gracia last week, continues to wear the **Tissot** leader's jersey, with Gracia ranked second and Beaumont third.

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<i>place</i>	<i>UCIcode</i>	<i>name / nom</i>	<i>nat</i>	<i>tt / gs</i>
1	2 USA19710906	LOPES Brian	USA	VOLVO CAN
2	8 GBR19780602	BEAUMONT Scott	GBR	TEAM KONA
3	4 FRA19780323	GRACIA Cédric	FRA	VOLVO CAN
4	3 FRA19750118	AMOUR Karim	FRA	VOUILLOZ
5	1 USA19700306	CARTER Eric	USA	TEAM GT
5	5 FRA19800826	DELDYCKE Mickael	FRA	TAILLEFER
5	6 USA19691029	CULLINAN Dave	USA	SCHWINN T
5	7 USA19690630	KING Mike	USA	HARO/LEE
9	9 AUS19771105	MCCARROLL Sean	AUS	GIANT
9	10 CZE19770622	JOCH Petr	CZE	PROPAGACN
9	11 GER19760514	TSCHUGG Guido	GER	WHEELER
9	12 NED19680416	DE BEVER Bas	NED	BE-ONE TE
9	14 GBR19740617	PEAT Steve	GBR	TEAM GT
9	15 USA19800903	HOUSEMAN Gary	USA	HARO/LEE
9	17 SUI19750315	HEUTSCHI Remo	SUI	VC VICTOR
9	20 CZE19810925	VAGNER Adam	CZE	ROCK MACH
17	13 JPN19701123	TSUKAMOTO Takasi	JPN	MX/MONGOO
17	16 NED19720125	VAN DE HATERD Wilfred	NED	
17	18 RSA19811113	MINNAAR Greg	RSA	ANIMAL OR
17	19 GBR19721010	PONTING Tim	GBR	ANIMAL OR
17	21 SUI19780409	RYSER Thomas	SUI	CYCLE CRA
17	22 GBR19800609	TRICKER Ross	GBR	TEAM KONA
17	23 CZE19780529	MAROSI Michal	CZE	AUTOR-RB
17	24 GBR19720903	KITCHIN Robin	GBR	ANIMAL OR
17	25 SWE19770208	ENGSTRÖM Johan	SWE	VOLVO CAN
17	26 GER19780620	MEYENBURG Sascha	GER	INTENSE C
17	27 SUI19780609	BUELER Andy	SUI	FIAT-ROTW
17	28 USA19671103	TOMAC John	USA	TOMAC
17	29 SUI19770916	CALUORI Claudio	SUI	
17	30 CZE19780316	HYNCICA Vlastimil	CZE	GRAFOBAL-
17	31 GBR19750211	HUGHES Stuart	GBR	TEAM ROTW
17	32 ESP19700428	BARCONS GONZALEZ Carlos	ESP	MSC REMEC