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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.

Chausson, whose bike wore the number-one plate of the fastest qualifier, won every heat from start to finish, usually beating her opponents to the first critical left-hand turn and thereby preventing any danger of contact as she rode unopposed to the finishline. She has stated her interest in winning the Dual Rainbow Jersey at the upcoming UCI World Championships in Spain, and is thus "*training*" for that event by racing in these two world cup rounds in Italy and Slovenia.

Leigh Donovan (*USA, Schwinn/Toyota*) came in second to Chausson, staying close to her the entire run but unable to get past on the tight, serpentine course. The two met in the final run after Donovan beat **Cheri Elliott** (*USA, Maxxis*) and Chausson beat last week's winner, **Sabrina Jonnier** (*FRA, Team GT*). Those two then went to a consolation round to determine 3rd and 4th place.

Jonnier beat Elliott in the semi-final consolation round after passing the American champion on the inside of the second turn. With her finish, Jonnier remains number-one ranked, with Chausson moving into second overall.

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place	UCIcode	name / nom	tt / gs
1	1 FRA19771008	CHAUSSON Anne-Caroline	VOLVO CAN
2	2 USA19711211	DONOVAN Leigh	SCHWINN T
3	4 FRA19810819	JONNIER Sabrina	TEAM GT
4	3 USA19700417	ELLIOTT Cheri	MAXXIS
5	5 SUI19800725	JÖRGENSEN Sari	TOMAC
5	8 USA19761128	LLANES Tara	SUBARU-SP
5	10 SWE19740824	LINDGREN Malin	SCOTT USA
5	11 AUT19801112	MOLCIK Anita	BANK AUST
9	6 GBR19760801	MORTIMER Helen	MT UK/JAM
9	7 SUI19790825	STIEGER Sarah	FIAT-ROTW
9	9 NZL19761015	QUIN Vanessa	NZMBA
9	12 USA19690419	SHER Lisa	WHITE BRO
9	13 SVK19800505	POLAKOVA Dagmar	KAKTUS BI
9	14 CZE19780621	KURANDOVA Helena	KANGAROO
9	15 AUT19801118	BERNHARD Petra	UNION ZWE
9	16 ECU19840319	MARGGRAFF Diana	