

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

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Jonnier and Lopes Win Dual Season Opener

Les Gets, the charming alpine town synonymous with world cup mountain bike racing in France, hosted the first round of the Dual World Series Saturday evening as thousands of spectators watched a fast-moving season opener under sunny blue skies. When the dust had settled, one of their own - **Sabrina Jonnier** (FRA, Team GT) had won the women's event while American **Brian Lopes** (USA, Volvo-Cannondale) dominated the men's race.

Several thousand people climbed the green hillside of this small town to line an extremely steep and fast course, which wound its way down to the expo area's finish line after only five corners. Racing began as the last rays of the sun settled in the mountains, 32 men and 16 women going head-to-head in the single elimination format. The dual, an official world cup discipline, awards a world cup championship in the same way as the downhill with riders accumulating points throughout the season.

Sabrina Jonnier, who last season missed most races due to her studies, gave her new GT sponsors a well-deserved win by edging out **Sarah Stieger** (SUI, Fiat-Rotwild) in the final run. Both men and women were going flat out at extraordinarily high speeds down the course, packed hard from several days of dry weather - the first such conditions in nearly four years. In the previous run and consolation round, **Malin Lindgren** (SWE, Scott USA) beat **Jo Leigh** (GBR, Animal/Orange) for the third and final spot on the podium.

Current world cup champion **Katrina Miller** (AUS, Jamis) crashed hard on the course's fastest section Saturday afternoon in training, and was unable to compete.

Ari Cheren



Sabrina Jonnier - FRA



Rank	Bib	UCI Code	Surname	Name	Team
1	24	FRA19810819	JONNIER	Sabrina	TEAM GT
2	36	SUI19790825	STIEGER	Sarah	FIAT-ROTWILD
3	35	SWE19740824	LINDGREN	Malin	SCOTT USA
4	41	GBR19810317	LEIGH	Jo	ANIMAL ORANGE
5	33	SUI19800725	JÖRGENSEN	Sari	
5	37	USA19761128	LLANES	Tara	SUBARU-SPECIALIZED
5	38	AUT19801118	BERNHARD	Petra	UNION ZWEIRAD GNAS
5	39	GBR19760801	MORTIMER	Helen	MB UK/JAMIS
9	40	CZE19780621	KURANDOVA	Helena	KANGAROO
9	42	SWE19770707	FAGERSTRÖM	Sofia	AGFA HARO BIKE
9	43	ECU19840319	MARGGRAFF	Diana	
9	44	AUT19801112	MOLCIK	Anita	BANK AUSTRIA NATL TM
9	45	GBR19751005	CROXON	Adele	ANIMAL ORANGE