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Americans Repeat Dual Wins:

Round three of the **Tissot-UCI Mountain Bike Dual World Cup** entertained thousands of die-hard fans Saturday evening, while providing another venue for the world's best dual racers to showcase their talents in these Colorado mountains.

And, in a repeat of round two's results, **Leigh Donovan** (USA, Schwinn) and **Brian Lopes** (USA, Fox/GT) took victories in their final runs to retain the Tissot leader's jersey and the #1 overall ranking.

Brian Lopes (USA, Fox/GT) successfully defended his #1 ranking in the men's final, when he beat **Wade Bootes** (AUS, Trek-Volkswagen) to keep his season perfect with three wins.



Bootes | Lopes

"I had a few close calls, but once you get to the round of eight and four, everyone's fast," said Lopes. "I enjoyed the course once I practiced on it - I wasn't sure before that. The different obstacles gave us some new challenges - but it was slick from the rain."

Racing was high-speed and action packed in the men's field, as riders used all the strategy and leg speed possible to out-maneuver each other on the course. Once they got through a series of banked turns and small jumps, they had to negotiate a difficult bump section and a rock garden.

Lopes met up with **Cedric Gracia** (FRA, Volvo-Cannondale) in the semi-final, but Gracia crashed in the first turn and was relegated to the consolation round. Bootes beat **Eric Carter** (USA, Mongoose) in the second semi-final with an inside pass on the second banked turn, setting up both the final and consolation round.

In the consolation round, Gracia beat Carter - the two now ranked #2 and #3 respectively overall. Bootes is ranked 5th overall.

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Rank	Bib	Code	Surname	Firstname	Nat	Points
1	1	USA19710906	LOPES	Brian	USA	50.00
2	3	AUS19740530	BOOTES	Wade	USA	40.00
3	4	FRA19780323	GRACIA	Cedric	FRA	30.00
4	2	USA19700306	CARTER	Eric	USA	20.00
5	5	USA19690630	KING	Mike	USA	15.00
6	6	USA19800903	HOUSEMAN	Gary	USA	12.00
7	8	AUS19810622	RANDO	Jared	AUS	10.00
8	10	GBR19741120	LONGDEN	Will	GBR	9.00
9	7	USA19780320	HOUSEMAN	Rich	USA	8.00
10	9	RSA19811113	MINNAAR	Greg	RSA	7.00
11	11	FRA19800826	DELDYCKE	Mickael	FRA	6.00
12	14	AUS19800920	WADDELL	John	AUS	5.00
13	15	GER19760514	TSCHUGG	Guido	GER	4.00
14	17	GBR19720201	PAGE	Nigel	GBR	3.00
15	20	USA19810310	WHITE	Ryan	USA	2.00
16	21	CZE19780529	MAROSI	Michal	CZE	1.00
17	12	SVK19820410	POLC	Filip	SVK	0.00
18	13	USA19781028	YBARRA	Scott	USA	0.00
19	16	AUS19771105	MCCARROLL	Sean	AUS	0.00
20	18	USA19730308	O ' DRISCOLL	Chris	USA	0.00
21	19	USA19700506	LAWWILL	Joe	USA	0.00
22	22	GBR19780602	BEAUMONT	Scott	GBR	0.00
23	23	AUS19790715	PANOZZO	Joel	AUS	0.00
24	24	JPN19800422	IDEGAWA	Naoki	JPN	0.00
25	25	USA19730705	EBBETT	Kyle	USA	0.00
26	26	IRL19770906	O ' BRIEN	Glyn	IRL	0.00
27	27	USA19690819	CREWS	Darryl	USA	0.00
28	28	USA19821113	NOBLE	Caile	USA	0.00
29	29	USA19800327	ADAMS	Nate	USA	0.00
30	30	USA19770809	HART	Scott	USA	0.00
31	31	GER19780620	MEYENBORG	Sascha	GER	0.00
32	32	JPN19661110	YAMAMOTO	Akira	JPN	0.00