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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.

Leigh Donovan (USA, Schwinn) was excited to win her first dual world cup last week in Vancouver, and was downright ecstatic to repeat her win here in round three, remaining #1 ranked for another week after beating **Tara Llanes** (USA, Yeti/Pearl Izumi) in the finals.



Llanes | Donovan

Donovan had to get by defending World and World Cup champion **Anne-Caroline Chausson** (FRA, Volvo-Cannondale) to advance to the final round, and did so after an exciting run. It began with a false start where the two women jumped the gun, but then had a clean start and headed down the series of banked turns and obstacles on their way to the finish line. And after just seconds of racing, Chausson was leading Donovan.

"She was gone, so I tried to take a different line," said Donovan. "She looked over her right shoulder twice but I was on her left side and rode right by her." Donovan took the lead and kept it for the remainder of the run, advancing to meet Llanes in the finals.

She beat Llanes, winning her second-straight world cup dual during this her farewell season of pro racing. *"It's overwhelming - but I'm taking this season in stride, and am having a great time."*

Chausson went to the consolation round to meet up with **Sabrina Jonnier** (FRA, RSP Import Intense), whom she beat in a clean run. Referring to her error in the semi-final run against Donovan, Chausson commented *"It was a beginner mistake."*

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Rank	Bib	Code	Surname	Firstname	Nat	Points
1	1	USA19711211	DONOVAN	Leigh	USA	50.00
2	2	USA19761128	LLANES	Tara	USA	40.00
3	5	FRA19771008	CHAUSSON	Anne-Caroline	FRA	30.00
4	6	FRA19810819	JONNIER	Sabrina	FRA	20.00
5	3	AUS19750915	MILLER	Katrina	AUS	15.00
6	4	USA19700417	ELLIOTT	Cheri	USA	10.00
7	7	FIN19730304	REPO	Katja	FIN	7.00
8	9	NZL19761015	QUIN	Vanessa	NZL	5.00
9	8	USA19650624	STREB	Marla	USA	0.00
10	10	AUS19730205	MUXLOW	Tai-Lee	AUS	0.00
11	11	ECU19840319	MARGGRAFF	Diana	ECU	0.00
12	12	USA19780418	THOMPSON	Mary	USA	0.00