

DL#3: GROUSE MOUNTAIN, CAN – 7-8.7.2001

American Experience Wins Dual

Leigh Donovan (USA, Schwinn) won her first-ever world cup dual Saturday evening, alongside her longtime friend and former teammate **Brian Lopes** (USA, Fox/GT) - this season's undefeated and current world cup champion.

A crowd estimated at 6,000 came out to watch the high-flying side-by-side action at Grouse Mountain, as 32 men and 14 women competed in the season's second round of dual racing.



Because of the cancellation of round two at Vars, this weekend's event is only the second of the season. The Kaprun, Austria event will host two dual events to maintain the season's eight events.

Until today, **Anne-Caroline Chausson** (FRA, Volvo-Cannondale) was undefeated in world cup dual racing since beginning at the Maribor round last season. But her seemingly unbeatable streak was broken by multi-time U.S. champion **Leigh Donovan** (USA, Schwinn) when the American won her first world cup dual in the women's finals.

"I snapped her at the start," said a jubilant Donovan. *"I don't think she was quite ready."*

Racers were using a manual start at this round of racing, after technical problems with the electronic start gate delayed racing. Racers then started on the verbal cue of the official starter. Donovan anticipated the start signal perfectly, getting precious distance on Chausson just as the run began.

"I got a bad start," confirmed Chausson. *"It was my fault. But then I couldn't pass her, which was frustrating. But it's OK, I'm just concentrating on the overall world cup for the season, not one race."*

Donovan was able to hold Chausson off for the entire run, as passing was difficult on the twisting course. *"I also brake-checked her once,"* she added. *"I've never won a world cup in the three years it's been going - first I was beaten by Katrina Miller (AUS, Jamis), then by Anne last season. I think I've been second more than anyone!"*

Donovan was indeed second in round one, and with her win here ties Chausson for first overall in the world cup with 90 points each. But, because she is the most recent winner, Donovan was awarded the Tissot leader's jersey for the series. *"For me it's awesome,"* she added. *"I really wanted to win this race."*

In the women's consolation round, **Tara Llanes** (USA, Yeti/Pearl Izumi) beat **Tai-Lee Muxlow** (AUS, Dirtworks USA) after taking the holeshot at the start, finishing third for the day and moving up to third overall in the rankings.



Rank	Bib	Code	Surname	Firstname	Nat
1	2	USA19711211	DONOVAN	Leigh	USA
2	1	FRA19771008	CHAUSSON	Anne-Caroline	FRA
3	3	USA19761128	LLANES	Tara	USA
4	5	AUS19730205	MUXLOW	Tai-Lee	AUS
5	4	FIN19730304	REPO	Katja	FIN
6	6	USA19820129	BUHL	Melissa	USA
7	7	FRA19810819	JONNIER	Sabrina	FRA
8	8	USA19821226	PRUITT	Kathy	USA
9	9	NZL19761015	QUIN	Vanessa	NZL
10	10	CAN19761209	BISSON	Annie	CAN
11	11	NZL19780624	HORLOR	Lisa-Ann	NZL
12	12	CAN19751029	BLANCHER	Lorraine	CAN
13	13	ECU19840319	MARGGRAFF	Diana	ECU
14	14	AUS19750915	MILLER	Katrina	AUS

Qualification

Rk	UCI Code	Surname	Firstname	Team	Time	Gap
1	FRA19771008	CHAUSSON	Anne-Caroline	VOLVO CANNONDALE	30.77	0
2	USA19681211	DONOVAN	Leigh	SCHWINN	31.35	0.58
3	USA19761128	LLANES	Tara	YETI- PEARL IZUMI	32.71	1.94
4	FIN19730304	REPO	Katja	TEAM GT	33.5	2.73
5	AUS19730205	MUXLOW	Tai-Lee	DIRTWORKS USA	33.71	2.94
6	USA19820129	BUHL	Melissa	ODI KHS	33.75	2.98
7	FRA19810819	JONNIER	Sabrina	INTENSE	33.9	3.13
8	USA19821226	PRUITT	Kathy	DIRTWORKS USA	34.43	3.66
9	NZL19761015	QUIN	Vanessa	DD INC / INTENSE	34.8	4.03
10	CAN19761209	BISSON	Annie	ROACH JOHN HENRY BIKES	35.01	4.24
11	NZL19780624	HORLOR	Lisa-Ann	INDEPENDENT	35.05	4.28
12	CAN19751029	BLANCHER	Lorraine	INDEPENDENT	37.09	6.32
13	ECU19840319	MARGGRAFF	Diana	ECUADOR	39.29	8.52
14	AUS19750915	MILLER	Katrina	TEAM JAMIS	42.88	12.11
	USA19650624	STREB	Marla	AZONIC FOES	DNS	
	SUI19790825	STIEGER	Sarah	SWITZERLAND	DNS	
	USA19680805	BRUTSAERT	Elke	SCHWINN	DNS	
	USA19720120	GIOVE	Missy	GLOBAL RACING	DNS	