

DL:#6/7 : KAPRUN, AUT - 11-12-13.8.2001

02.07.2001: #2 round of the Tissot/UCI Dual World Cup, which had been cancelled in Vars, will be replaced with a second dual race in Kaprun, 11-12.08.2001. Please notice that both races will take place on two different circuits.

Lopes and Miller Win Sixth Dual World Cup

Round six of the **Tissot-UCI Mountain Bike World Cup Dual Series** took place under the bright lights of nighttime in *Kaprun, Austria* - the weekend's first of two dual finals. In front of approximately 6,000 spectators and television cameras, series-leader and defending champion **Brian Lopes** (*USA, Fox/GT*) joined former champion and #2-ranked **Katrina Miller** (*AUS, Jamis*) atop the podium.



Katrina Miller, AUS

Racing on this long 50-second course was scheduled for eight o'clock in the evening, but was delayed due to race qualifying - which had to be rescheduled into Saturday's busy race lineup due to rains on Friday. The finals began at 9:30 p.m., but the podium awards didn't conclude until after 11:00 p.m., completing twelve full hours of activity on this first day of a triple-event weekend.

Round seven of the world cup will take place on Sunday afternoon in Kaprun, making up for the second round - which was cancelled in Vars early in the season due to weather.



Katrina Miller (*AUS, Jamis*) won her second-straight final round in as many weeks when she beat current series-leader **Leigh Donovan** (*USA, Schwinn*) to pull within 65 points of Donovan in the overall standings. Miller had qualified fastest in the evening, and eventually beat **Tara Llanes** (*USA, Yeti/Pearl Izumi*) in the first semi-final to advance to the finals and send Llanes to the consolation round.

Donovan beat **Katja Repo** (*FIN, Team GT*) to advance to the finals and also send Repo to the consolation round. In that small final, Llanes beat Repo - finishing third and fourth respectively.

"This was the hardest race I've ever raced," commented Miller afterward. "It was so long, and you had to choose the right lane."



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1	1	AUS19750915	MILLER	Katrina	TEAM JAMIS
2	2	USA19681211	DONOVAN	Leigh	SCHWINN
3	4	USA19761128	LLANES	Tara	YETI- PEARL IZUMI
4	3	FIN19730304	REPO	Katja	TEAM GT
5	5	FRA19810819	JONNIER	Sabrina	FRANCE
6	6	GBR19820827	GRIFFITHS	Fionn	ANCILLOTTI UK ZEAL
7	7	GBR19751005	CROXON	Adele	ANIMAL ORANGE
8	9	USA19820125	BUHL	Melissa	DDI KHS
9	8	FRA19830128	GROS	Celine	SCOTT USA
10	10	FRA19780223	LE CAER	Nolvenn	FIAT ROTWILD
11	11	ECU19840319	MARGGRAFF	Diana	SOCAL-NICOLAI
12	12	HUN19761020	KISS	Dalma	HAJTAS-PAJTAS
13	13	CZE19780621	KURANDOVA	Helena	KANGAROO
14	14	GER19790228	GRANZOW	Sonja	WWW POWER-FLOWER DE
15	15	GER19780319	JEREKO	Anja	WWW POWER-FLOWER DE
16	16	AUT19830811	FRUHWIRTH	Helene	BANK AUSTRIA NATIONALTEAM

Lopes and Jonnier Rule Dual #7

Brian Lopes (USA, Fox/GT) and **Sabrina Jonnier** (FRA, RSP Import Intense) topped the finals list of the weekend's final event in Kaprun, winning Dual #7 in sunny afternoon conditions, on a slightly different course than was run in Saturday night's round six.

Enthusiastic crowds lined the course one last time this weekend, cheering on the dual riders, who raced their second event in as many days - making up for round two which was canceled. Racing on Kaprun's long course, the downhill athletes worked their way up and over the many jumps and turns to win the single-elimination runs on their way to the finals.



Sabrina Jonnier, FRA

Sabrina Jonnier (FRA, RSP Import Intense) won her first world cup dual last year in *Les Gets*, but that was without the presence of top riders **Katrina Miller** (AUS, Jamis) or **Leigh Donovan** (USA, Schwinn). So this weekend, when she won against the best, she was all the more pleased.

"I took the left line and got the lead, but then Katrina went inside under the bridge," recalled Jonnier. "We both hit the pads and I got out first, then I put my elbows out so she couldn't pass me!"



Jonnier | Miller

It worked, as she got down the mountain first, winning her second world cup and keeping the overall standing interesting. She has pulled to within 45 points of series-leading Donovan, while Llanes sits in third overall and Jonnier fourth.

In the women's consolation round, number-one qualifier **Tara Llanes** (USA, Yeti/Pearl Izumi) beat second-fastest qualifier **Leigh Donovan** (USA, Schwinn).

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