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Champions Chausson and Lopes Win Season's First Dual World Cup:

2000 World Cup series champions **Anne-Caroline Chausson** (FRA, Volvo-Cannondale) and **Brian Lopes** (USA, Fox/GT) picked up where they left off from last season on Saturday, winning the opening round of the Tissot-UCI Dual World Cup in Maribor, Slovenia.



Brian Lopes - USA

Crowds were large and the weather perfect for racing, as the world's top dual riders met under clear evening skies for racing. Thousands of enthusiastic fans lined the steep and technical dual course to watch 32 men and 16 women go head-to-head in the single-elimination format.

Brian Lopes (USA, Fox/GT) didn't qualify fastest in seeding - he was 8th fastest, while his former teammate **Cedric Gracia** (FRA, Volvo-Cannondale) had qualified 7th. But these two met in the final round after working their way up through the brackets, working their way past the top-six qualifiers such as top-ranked **Steve Peat** (GBR, Team GT).



Deldycke | Lopes

In the men's final, the large crowd awaited a close and fast final run. But Gracia crashed soon after the start, going over his handlebars after attempting a small jump.

"We were together at the start when I tried to make the jump," Gracia said. "I tried to make the double, and landed on my front wheel and crashed hard."

This gave Lopes a clear track and an easy win, as he coasted to the finish line to take his first win of the new season - in defence of his current overall title.

"We were so close at the start," said Lopes after his win. "He went off a jump and then I was on my own. But my ankle was hurting after my semi-final run with Deldycke, so I'll take it any way I can get it!"

Lopes had beaten **Mickael Deldycke** (FRA, Schwinn) in one of the semi-finals, while Gracia beat **Karim Amour** (FRA, Diamondback), sending the two French riders to the consolation round, where Deldycke came out on top for third place.

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Final /Finale:					
Rk	Bib	Code	Surname	Firstname	Team
1	8	USA19710906	LOPES	Brian	GT FOX
2	7	FRA19780323	GRACIA	Cedric	VOLVO CANNONDALE
3	4	FRA19800826	DELDYCKE	Mickael	SCHWINN MTB TEAM
4	22	FRA19750110	AMOUR	Karim	
5	1	GBR19740617	PEAT	Steve	
6	2	USA19700306	CARTER	Eric	
7	5	USA19740530	BOOTES	Wade	
8	14	USA19740531	VOREIS	Kirt	
9	9	RSA19811113	MINNAAR	Greg	
10	12	USA19690630	KING	Mike	
11	13	AUS19771105	MCCARROLL	Sean	
12	15	USA19780320	HOUSEMAN	Rich	
13	17	CZE19840828	MATUS	Filip	
14	23	NED19680416	DE BEVER	Bas	
15	27	CZE19850705	TATARKOVIC	Kamil	
16	30	ESP19820930	GUARDIA	Pascual Bernat	
17	3	AUS19831121	HANNAH	Mick	
18	6	AUS19780301	KOVARIK	Christian	
19	10	AUS19810531	RENNIE	Nathan	
20	11	GER19760514	TSCHUGG	Guido	
21	16	GBR19741120	LONGDEN	Will	
22	18	GBR19780602	BEAUMONT	Scott	
23	19	USA19800903	HOUSEMAN	Gary	
24	20	GER19781225	SCHATZKI	David	
25	21	GBR19720201	PAGE	Nigel	
26	24	CZE19780529	MAROSI	Michal	
27	25	SVK19820410	POLC	Filip	
28	26	BRA19800209	BERCHTOLD	Markolf	
29	28	JPN19800422	IDEGAWA	Naoki	
30	29	CZE19810425	VAGNER	Adam	
31	31	CZE19810401	PROKOP	Michal	
32	32	GBR19821017	THOMSON	Stuart	
Rk	Bib	UCI Code	Surname	Firstname	Team
1	37	GBR19740617	PEAT	Steve	TEAM GT
2	160	USA19700306	CARTER	Eric	MONGOOSE HYUNDAI
3	71	AUS19831121	HANNAH	Mick	GLOBAL RACING TEAM
4	35	FRA19800826	DELDYCKE	Mickael	SCHWINN MTB TEAM

5	92	USA19740530	BOOTES	Wade	TREK/VOLKSWAGEN
6	49	AUS19780301	KOVARIK	Christian	INTENSE CYCLES
7	34	FRA19780323	GRACIA	Cedric	VOLVO CANNONDALE
8	33	USA19710906	LOPES	Brian	GT FOX
9	47	RSA19811113	MINNAAR	Greg	GLOBAL RACING TEAM
10	84	AUS19810531	RENNIE	Nathan	YETI- PEARL IZUMI
11	38	GER19760514	TSCHUGG	Guido	WHEELER
12	154	USA19690630	KING	Mike	HARO/LEE DUNGAREES
13	39	AUS19771105	MCCARROLL	Sean	GLOBAL RACING TEAM
14	155	USA19740531	VOREIS	Kirt	HARO/LEE DUNGAREES
15	42	USA19780320	HOUSEMAN	Rich	TOMAC
16	41	GBR19741120	LONGDEN	Will	TEAM MBUK
17	69	CZE19840828	MATUS	Filip	GRAFOBAL - SEMTEX
18	36	GBR19780602	BEAUMONT	Scott	TEAM KONA FORD FOCUS
19	46	USA19800903	HOUSEMAN	Gary	TOMAC
19	142	GER19781225	SCHATZKI	David	MTBDOWNHILL MAGAZINE
21	44	GBR19720201	PAGE	Nigel	INTENSE
22	109	FRA19750110	AMOUR	Karim	DIAMONDBACK
23	158	NED19680416	DE BEVER	Bas	BEONE
24	48	CZE19780529	MAROSI	Michal	AUTHOR - RB SKODA AUTO
25	43	SVK19820410	POLC	Filip	AUTHOR - RB SKODA AUTO
26	85	BRA19800209	BERCHTOLD	Markolf	GLOBAL RACING TEAM
27	89	CZE19850705	TATARKOVIC	Kamil	GRAFOBAL - SEMTEX
28	83	JPN19800422	IDEGAWA	Naoki	GLOBAL RACING TEAM
29	51	CZE19810425	VAGNER	Adam	ROCK MACHINE
30	159	ESP19820930	GUARDIA	Pascual	
31	91	CZE19810401	PROKOP	Michal	SPECIALIZED
32	146	GBR19821017	THOMSON	Stuart	ROYAL RACING
33	40	CZE19770622	JOCH	Petr	ROCK MACHINE
34	116	GBR19770421	MOSELEY	Ed	ANIMAL ORANGE
35	95	FRA19770404	OCHIN	Oliver	FRANCE
36	55	JPN19701123	TSUKAMOTO	Takasi	MX MONGOOSE
37	99	SVK19820516	KOZAR	Milan	ADRENALIN CK PARTNERS
38	60	AUT19750504	LAGLER	Roman	BANK AUSTRIA NATIONALTEAM
39	76	SWE19710322	JOHANSSON	Tommy	SWEDISH
40	59	FRA19790713	MOLIMARD	Thierry	FRANCE
41	57	GBR19810310	WARDELL	Dave	TEAM MBUK
42	52	GER19780620	MEYENBORG	Sascha	INTENSE
43	58	CZE19780301	HYNCICA	Vlastimil	GRAFOBAL - SEMTEX
44	50	USA19730308	O'DRISCOLL	Chris	RAZOR ROCK MTN CYCLE
45	145	GER19781003	SCHNEIDER	Frank	SOCAL - NICOLAI
46	63	GBR19800609	TRICKER	Ross	TEAM KONA FORD FOCUS
47	66	USA19800520	THOMPSON	Tyler	AXO TIOGA
48	87	FIN19820321	MALINEN	Visa	FPC RACING
48	156	GBR19810228	CHEETHAM	Jon	HALFORDS BIKEHUT
50	144	GER19810626	TSCHUGG	Arne	WHEELER
51	161	FRA19780419	PARADIS	Sebastien	TAILLEFER
52	113	SUI19830524	HOSTETTLER	Tobias	SWITZERLAND
52	147	GBR19751220	BUTTERFILL	Peter	GREAT BRITAIN
54	136	GER19800220	SCHAUMBURG	Enrico	FUN MACHINES
55	148	GBR19810815	JARMAN	Rob	HALFORDS BIKEHUT SCHWINN
56	79	FIN19770417	HANHILAHTI	Antti	TREK FINLAND
57	138	GER19740313	SCHIMPFKE	Norbert	GIANT PASH

58	62	BEL19770608	DEFERM	Stijn	ROYALE LIGUE VELO BELGE
59	61	SVK19771119	CILLIK	Filip	DHC TREK MARTIN
60	108	CZE19800104	HNIDAK	Jakub	KHS BIKE
61	153	SLO19790413	PODGORSEK	Mitja	
62	110	SUI19840330	SCHURTER	Mario	SWITZERLAND
63	129	GER19800926	MULLER	Andreas	MK RACING TEAM
64	88	ROM19850316	PARAU	Sorin	SURMONT CLUB
65	97	GER19850724	KALINOFISKY	Denny	MK RACING TEAM
66	152	USA19690819	CREWS	Darryl	SORIC PROFILE
67	143	GER19700320	FUHRMANN	Oliver	SEIMA STAR COM
68	120	SLO19760624	ERZEN	Simon	KD BRANIK
69	115	SUI19750226	GISEL	Michael	SWITZERLAND
70	122	SLO19770418	VAUH	Miran	D3S KAMNIK
71	126	SLO19730423	KLAUZ	Uros	MTB TRBOVLJE
72	103	GER19740521	ZOLLNER	Heiko	FUN MACHINES
73	128	SUI19810504	SCHWANDER	Simon	SWITZERLAND
74	121	SLO19780114	GORENC	Dejan	SNURFCLUB
75	135	GER19760816	TESKE	Ronny	FUN MACHINES
76	141	GER19840626	SEIFARTH	Robin	FUN MACHINES
77	101	ROM19820610	MOS	Mihai Silviu	ROMBIKE
78	54	NED19720125	VAN DER HATERD	Wilfred	NEDERLAND
79	72	ROM19830716	KINDA	Geza	EXTREME BIKE
80	112	SUI19730909	ENGLER	Fridolin	SWITZERLAND
	70	SUI19810829	SCHWEGLER	Tomas	SWITZERLAND
	73	SLO19760727	HRAST	Iztok	KGK MTB TEAM TAJERSKA
	90	CZE19820322	CERVENKA	Michal	ZAMO SOKOL ZELECHOVICE
	111	SUI19831031	ZBINDEN	Samuel	SWITZERLAND
	123	SLO19830916	NOVAK	Luka	KD NOVAK
	53	GBR19721010	PONTING	Tim	GIANT TOYOTA
	64	AUT19810330	HAAS	Mathias	BANK AUSTRIA NATIONALTEAM
	67	GER19770808	KLAUSMANN	Marcus	HOT CHIL MK RACING
	74	FRA19800726	BAREL	Fabien	TEAM GT
	75	SLO19721005	ZAJEC	Goradz	SD SPICA MARIBOR
	82	ECU19830225	BACA	Francisco	ECUADOR
	94	AUT19720501	HASLINGER	Harald	BANK AUSTRIA
	96	NOR19800605	EVENSEN	Tommy	STORO MTB/N
	100	SVK19820311	PECHO	Lubos	MERIDA DH HLOHOVEC
	102	ITA19740924	TANINI	Francesco	PROBIKE RACING
	105	AUT19740801	HWANG	Johannes	X DREAM TRENDSPOORT
	114	SUI19800226	KILCHENMANN	Sven	SWITZERLAND
	117	SUI19750301	BRECHBUHLER	Martin	KRAFTWERK GT DELEC
	118	GBR19810817	DONOGHUE	Neil	HALFORDS BIKEHUT SCHWINN
	124	SLO19781024	BAJD	Blaz	SNURFCLUB
	125	SLO19750726	STADLER	Ales	SNURFCLUB
	127	SLO19830424	LOGAR	Jure	SD SPICA MARIBOR
	132	GER19831231	KUDELLA	Stefan	FIAT ROTWILD
	133	GER19801021	GOINY	Nathaniel	STEPPENWOLF
	139	GBR19750414	WILSON	Shaun	DIRT MAGAZINE
	157	ESP19730828	SAIZ CASTAÑE	Oscar	BEONE