

## XC:#8 : MONT-SAINTE-ANNE, CAN - 25-26.8.2001

### Americans Dominate Dual World Cup

Two riders from the *United States of America*, **Leigh Donovan** (*Schwinn*) and longtime friend **Brian Lopes** (*Fox/GT*), gave their country both dual titles after an exciting final round Saturday evening. **Eric Carter** (*USA, Mongoose*) added to the American feel by winning the men's final - and calling this the best dual course ever.



Carter | King

*Mont Sainte-Anne* held the first dual race ever when it was just a demonstration event several seasons ago, and showed the rest of the circuit how it's done by designing a competitive, entertaining and fast course for the world cup riders. It produced passing, exciting runs and great racing for the thousands of spectators who came to watch the finals. The course's decisive point was a flat left-hand turn near the

finish line, that allowed trailing riders to make daring inside passes and became the focal point for most of the close runs.

**Eric Carter** (*USA, Mongoose*) won his first dual final of his season in these finals, while **Brian Lopes** (*USA, Fox/GT*) had the series locked up since the previous round where he earned his 20th world cup victory.

This week Lopes was eliminated in the quarter-finals by longtime friend and rival **Mike King** (*USA, Haro/Lee Dungarees*) when the two met up for an exciting run. King was able to pass Lopes on the final left turn by going inside the turn, earning King a trip to the semi-finals against 6th-ranked **Mickael Deldycke** (*FRA, Schwinn*).



Mike King, USA

King met up with Carter in the finals, after Carter had faced his toughest run against **Scott Beaumont** (*GBR, Kona/Ford Focus*) in the 1/8 finals. Carter and King have also raced each other since they were teenagers, so they were ready for a close battle. But Carter dominated the final run, and finishes the season ranked second behind Lopes, just two points ahead of Deldycke.

Deldycke won the consolation round against **Brian Schmith** (*USA, Mongoose Hyundai*), finishing the season ranked third. **Wade Bootes** (*AUS, Trek-Volkswagen*) ended his season ranked 4th, and **Cedric Gracia** (*FRA, Volvo-Cannondale*) is 5th overall - the only male to make top-five in both downhill and dual racing.



<b>Rk</b>	<b>Bib</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Firstname</b>	<b>Team</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>USA19700306</b>	<b>CARTER</b>	<b>Eric</b>	<b>MONGOOSE HYUNDAI</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>USA19690630</b>	<b>KING</b>	<b>Mike</b>	<b>HARO/LEE DUNGAREES</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>FRA19800826</b>	<b>DELDYCKE</b>	<b>Mickael</b>	<b>SCHWINN</b>
<b>4</b>	32	USA19730117	SCHMITH	Brian	MONGOOSE HYUNDAI SPEEDSTICK
<b>5</b>	2	USA19710906	LOPES	Brian	GT FOX
<b>6</b>	3	FRA19780323	GRACIA	Cedric	VOLVO CANNONDALE
<b>7</b>	5	AUS19740530	BOOTES	Wade	TREK/VOLKSWAGEN
<b>8</b>	8	RSA19811113	MINNAAR	Greg	GLOBAL RACING
<b>9</b>	7	USA19780320	HOUSEMAN	Rich	TOMAC
<b>10</b>	9	GER19760514	TSCHUGG	Guido	WHEELER
<b>11</b>	12	AUS19800920	WADDELL	John	SUN RACE SANTA CRUZ
<b>12</b>	13	GBR19780602	BEAUMONT	Scott	TEAM KONA FORD FOCUS
<b>13</b>	14	GBR19741120	LONGDEN	Will	TEAM MOUNTAINBIKING UK
<b>14</b>	17	USA19730308	O' DRISCOLL	Chris	RAZOR ROCK MTN CYCLE
<b>15</b>	18	SVK19820410	POLC	Filip	SLOVAK CYCLING FEDERATION
<b>16</b>	22	USA19700506	LAWWILL	Joe	TREK FOX SHOX
<b>17</b>	1	AUS19780301	KOVARIK	Christopher	INTENSE CYCLES
<b>18</b>	11	USA19740531	VOREIS	Kirt	HARO/LEE DUNGAREES
<b>19</b>	15	AUS19810531	RENNIE	Nathan	YETI- PEARL IZUMI
<b>20</b>	16	USA19810613	WHITE	Ryan	GIANT BICYCLES
<b>21</b>	19	USA19820511	BALOOCHI	Robin	AZONIC OAKLEY
<b>22</b>	20	CZE19780529	MAROSI	Michal	AUTHOR - RB SKODA AUTO
<b>23</b>	21	AUS19771105	MCCARROLL	Sean	GLOBAL RACING
<b>24</b>	23	AUS19830119	CORY	Ben	TOYOTA FOES
<b>25</b>	24	CAN19730705	EBBETT	Kyle	IRON HORSE
<b>26</b>	25	USA19770809	HART	Scott	SUNRINGLE MR DIRT
<b>27</b>	26	AUS19810622	RANDO	Jared	FOES AZONIC
<b>28</b>	27	USA19690819	CREWS	Darryl	SONIC PROFILE
<b>29</b>	28	AUS19850721	HILL	Samuel	AUSTRALIAN NAT TEAM
<b>30</b>	29	USA19730602	MORGAN	Alex	BCDBCD.COM
<b>31</b>	30	CAN19790320	MAILHOT	Stephane	INDEPENDENT
<b>32</b>	31	JPN19800422	IDEGAWA	Naoki	GLOBAL RACING