

## 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.

*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.



Donovan | Llanes

**Leigh Donovan** (*USA, Schwinn*) rode in this her final dual world cup by winning the overall title, beating **Tara Llanes** (*USA, Yeti/Pearl Izumi*) in the women's final - and topping rival **Katrina Miller** (*AUS, Jamis*) by 95 points in the series. Donovan won four of the eight races this season, while Miller had won rounds six and seven - pulling to within striking distance of the championships if Donovan had faltered

coming into these finals.

But Donovan didn't falter, and wrapped up the series by qualifying fastest to earn a bye in round one - and sufficient points to beat Katrina Miller no matter how the former champion did. But 10th-seeded Miller was eliminated by **Kathy Pruitt** (*USA, Dirtworks*) in the first round of racing, freeing Donovan to race relaxed and enjoy her final world cup event.

In the final run Donovan beat Llanes after a strong start. Llanes tried to pass on the final left-hand hairpin, and did manage to get an inside line - but then lost speed as she was forced to dab her foot, losing all momentum with just seconds remaining in the run. It gave Leigh a great send-off from racing with both the win and the title.

In women's consolation racing, **Tai-Lee Muxlow** (*AUS, Dirtworks USA*) beat **Missy Giove** (*USA, Global Racing Team*) for third and fourth places, respectively. While Miller finishes the season ranked second, Llanes is third overall with **Sabrina Jonnier** (*FRA, RSP Import Intense*) and Anne-Caroline Chausson rounding out the top-five.

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<b>Rk</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Firstname</b>	<b>Team</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>USA19681211</b>	<b>DONOVAN</b>	<b>Leigh</b>	<b>SCHWINN</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>USA19761128</b>	<b>LLANES</b>	<b>Tara</b>	<b>YETI- PEARL IZUMI</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>AUS19730205</b>	<b>MUXLOW</b>	<b>Tai-Lee</b>	<b>DIRTWORKS USA</b>
<b>4</b>	4	USA19720120	GIOVE	Missy	GLOBAL RACING
<b>5</b>	5	FRA19810819	JONNIER	Sabrina	FRANCE
<b>6</b>	6	NZL19761015	QUIN	Vanessa	DDINC INTENSE
<b>7</b>	7	USA19821226	PRUITT	Kathy	DIRTWORKS USA
<b>8</b>	8	USA19820125	BUHL	Melissa	ODI KHS
<b>9</b>	9	ECU19840319	MARGGRAFF	Diana	SOCAL-NICOLAI
<b>10</b>	10	AUS19750915	MILLER	Katrina	TEAM JAMIS