

## **Venue: Budapest, Hungary- XC#4- 3/4 May 1997**

Everybody had been expecting a Frenchman to win today, and the pre-race favourite was **Jerome Chiotti** (FRA, GT). Yet the eventual winner was another Frenchman, **Christophe Dupouey** (27, FRA, Sunn-Nike), from Tarbes. In claiming his first win for the season, the 1996 World Cup Champion overwhelmed Chiotti - the 1996 World Champion - in a memorable race.

The event at the leafy Csilliberc Sports Centre - perched on a hilltop high above the city of Budapest - featured a lot more sport than World Cup cross country racing. A trial was also held, testing the feasibility of holding UCI trials competitions alongside cross country mountain biking. Also, and equally popular with the noisy crowd, were the Trabant Tow and Bicycle Toss events.

The men's cross country was a hard-fought race. Jerome Chiotti mounted a brilliant attack on a downhill section and then rode hard up the long climb to the finish of the second lap of five. *"His attack was something else, the way he rode over that drop-off, you should have seen it,"* reported last week's winner, **Thomas Frischknecht** (SUI, Ritchey), full of admiration for the World Champion's daredevil riding. The rainbow jersey was asserting itself, but Chiotti is a relative newcomer to mountain biking and has not yet learned to accurately gauge the best pacing of his effort. Nor had he reckoned on Dupouey having such excellent form.



*Christophe Dupouey (FRA) heads off into the forest at St Wendal last week*

While Thomas Frischknecht *"held back, there was no way I was going to go that fast on the second lap,"* Dupouey set off in pursuit of Chiotti, who had a 17 second gap at the start of the final climb of the second lap. By the top, the two were together. But, *"He wouldn't work with me, he just wanted to win,"* said Dupouey, who felt he had no option but to start attacking. Chiotti survived the first attack, but the second left him behind. Once broken, Chiotti fell back rapidly. He paid a high price for his early optimism and feeling empty legs, pulled out at the end of the fourth lap.

Meanwhile, about a minute behind the lead, Dupouey's teammate, **Miguel Martinez**, (FRA), was doing nothing to assist his companions: series leader, **Cadel Evans** (AUS, DBR) and Frischknecht. *"I was very satisfied by Christophe's win today,"* noted Martinez at the end, and added as a warning note that he felt his run of bad luck was now finished and a win for him should not be far off. Evans attacked on the same downhill that Chiotti launched off, and the 20 year-old started the long, punishing, final climb with a slim lead. He had enough in reserve to extend his lead and took second place, 33 seconds clear of his arch rival, Martinez. *"They wouldn't want to get much harder than that,"* groaned the young Australian star at the finish.

### **Paul Skilbeck**

#### **Next World Cup XC event:**

[Spindleruv Mlyn, Czech Republic](#), 10-11/5/97

#### ***Race Statistics***

**Weather conditions:** warm, sunny.

**Course Details:** lap length -10.6km; climbing - 375m; forest tracks, steep climbs, fast narrow descents; ground conditions - all tracks firm, mainly dry, some tacky soil

**Crowd:** 8,000; weekend's total: 13,000

**Race distance:** Men - 5 laps + start loop: 54km.

Women - 3 laps + start loop: 32.8km.

**Average Speed:** Men - 23.3km/h; Women - 20.1km/h

## ***Men's XC Results***

Pos	Bib	Name	First Name	Nat	Team	WCPTS	Time
1	3	DUPOUEY	CHRISTOPHE	FRA	SUNN-NIKE	100	2:18:49.40
2	1	EVANS	CADEL	AUS	DIAMONDBACK	93	2:19:23.05
3	11	MARTINEZ	MIGUEL	FRA	SUNN-NIKE	87	2:19:56.28
4	13	FRISCHKNECHT	THOMAS	SUI	RITCHEY	82	2:20:35.47
5	4	DUBAU	LUDOVIC	FRA	SUNN-NIKE	78	2:21:12.42
6	38	MEIRHAEGHE	FILIP	BEL	RECORDBANK	75	2:21:23.70
7	12	RASMUSSEN	MICHAEL	DEN	TREK-VOLKSWAGEN	72	2:21:28.54
8	25	BRENES	ANDRES	CRC	RITCHEY	70	2:21:37.55
9	9	PALLHUBER	HUBERT	ITA	DIAMONDBACK/TISS	68	2:21:50.95
10	33	CLARKE	BARRIE	GBR	TEAM RALEIGH	66	2:22:57.42
11	43	BRUSCHI	DANIELE	ITA	MARIN/TISSOT	65	2:23:12.89
12	17	KRISTENSEN	LENNIE	DEN	GIANT	64	2:23:51.64
13	15	CIONI	DARIO	ITA	MAPEI-KONA	63	2:24:34.11
14	5	HÖYDAHL	RUNE	NOR	GIANT	62	2:24:40.14
15	56	KORINEK	RADIM	CZE	CESKA SPORITELIN	61	2:24:54.07
16	20	NOTARIO	FRANCISCO JAVI	ESP	CORONAS REEBOK	60	2:25:01.11
17	16	ARNOULD	DOMINIQUE	FRA	PROFLEX/MASTERCA	59	2:25:22.49
18	131	SARGENTI	MOSSIMO	ITA	LE RUN BIKING	58	2:25:28.15
19	89	POSPICHAL	KURT	AUT	KONA-AUSTRIA	57	2:25:36.35
20	7	BAKER	DAVID	GBR	TEAM GT	56	2:25:47.65
21	44	LARSEN	TOM	NOR	AMERICAN EAGLE	55	2:26:00.27
22	49	OSTERGAARD	JAN ERIK	DEN	CORRATEC-IKO	54	2:26:17.92
23	68	STÖCKLI	LUKAS	SUI	GT-SUISSE	53	2:26:26.15
24	70	HEYLEN	BENNY	BEL	BATAVUS	52	2:26:32.25
25	32	BRENTJENS	BART	NED	MT DEW/SPECIALIZ	51	2:27:19.67

26	34	GERRITSEN	MARCEL	NED	MT DEW/SPECIALIZ	50	2:27:32.01
27	57	HUMMELSIEP	DENNIS	GER	TEAM H + H	49	2:27:38.35
28	39	BISHOP	ANDY	USA	GARY FISHER	48	2:27:51.75
29	93	DIETSCH	THOMAS	FRA	CYCLES LAPIERRE	47	2:27:55.40
30	151	SAUSER	CHRISTOPHE	SUI	PARKPRE FORD WIN	46	2:28:22.29
31	54	HANISCH	MARC	GER	HERCULES	45	2:28:54.09
32	8	HERISSET	CHRISTOPHE	FRA	SUNN-NIKE	44	2:29:15.39
33	77	MANIN	CHRISTOPHE	FRA	MBK	43	2:29:39.39
34	86	WYSSEIER	RETO	SUI	SCOTT INTL	42	2:29:48.73
35	42	AGERGAARD	JESPER	DEN	SORE B.C	41	2:29:58.09
36	87	HERMIDA	JOSÉ ANTONIO	ESP	SCOTT INTL	40	2:30:06.35
37	146	BERNER	RALPH	GER	DIAMONDBACK	39	2:30:41.08
38	78	DELION	GILLES	FRA	CYCLES LAPIERRE	38	2:30:43.42
39	189	BELLONI	FLIPPO	ITA	LE RUN BIKING	37	2:30:46.03
40	48	WIEJAK	JAN	POL	HARO/LKS PRIM KO	36	2:31:05.11
41	35	SHEPPARD	CHRIS	CAN	HARO	35	2:31:08.51
42	126	GUY	MATT	GBR	GIANT	34	2:31:13.48
43	213	KANKOVSKY	MARTIN	CZE	CESKA SPORITELNA	33	2:31:21.17
44	99	VAN DOOREN	BAS	NED	VSBBATAVUS	32	2:31:28.38
45	184	SANCHEZ	JORGE	ESP	BUFF-OF3 SHAD	31	2:31:47.68
46	165	LARSSON	TOMMY	SWE	NATIONAL TEAM SW	30	2:31:49.49
47	134	CERTAIN	LAURENT	FRA	CYCLES LAPIERRE	29	2:32:23.77
48	36	ACQUAROLI	DARIO	ITA	BIANCHI MARTINI	28	2:32:25.29
49	22	DJERNIS	HENRIK	DEN	AMERICAN EAGLE	27	2:32:29.57
50	79	PERSSON	ROGER	SWE	NATIONAL TEAM SW	26	2:32:35.99
51	162	POULY	PETER	FRA	SUNN NIKE	25	2:33:07.12
52	112	VAN DER VEN	JOHAN	NED	VSBBATAVUS	24	2:33:27.81
53	18	TCHERKASSOV	PAVEL	RUS	DIAMONDBACK/TISS	23	2:33:35.88

54	175	SCHLOSSER	ROMAN	GER	SCOTT	22	2:33:37.74
55	51	VAN DEN ABEELE	PETER	BEL	PROFLEX/MASTERCA	21	2:33:46.14
56	40	SLAVICEK	JAN	CZE	AUTHOR EXPANDIA	20	2:33:57.26
57	41	GRONBECH	MICHAEL	DEN	CORRATEC-IKO	19	2:34:03.77
58	101	GALINSKI	MAREK	POL	LKS OPTEX SA GIA	18	2:34:13.94
59	290	REYNAUD	MICKAÉL	FRA	MT DEW/SPECIALIZ	17	2:34:23.68
60	28	MYRAH	DON	USA	TREK/VOLKSWAGEN	16	2:34:57.07
61	73	LEUCHS	KASHI	NZL	DIAMONDBACK NZL	15	2:35:12.41
62	90	GROVER	NEIL	CAN	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	14	2:35:25.77
63	194	BARENYI	MILAN	SVK	KCK CYKLOSPORT	13	2:35:36.34
64	206	GLAJZA	ROBERT	SVK	CYKLO TEAM BUDVA	12	2:36:15.69
65	205	TAVELL	PHILIP	SWE	NATIONAL TEAM SW	11	2:36:31.24
66	135	DEREPAS	DAVID	FRA	CYCLES LAPIERRE	10	2:36:38.38
67	69	GREEN	ROLAND	CAN	KONA FACTORY	9	2:36:46.41
68	63	HELLER	MARCEL	SUI	SCHÖTZ-UNIVEGA	8	2:36:49.27
69	122	CAMRDA	PAVEL	CZE	BUDVAR	7	2:37:00.82
70	74	WEEVERS	JAN	NED	GIANT	6	2:37:20.52
71	169	INDUNI	MASSIMO	ITA	TEAM MAPEI KONA	5	2:37:30.02
72	130	BINKERT	MARKUS	SUI	PARKPRE FORD WIN	4	2:38:29.22
73	65	GIL	DARIUSZ	POL	LKS, POM	3	2:38:47.78
74	156	ZOLI	JADER	ITA	DIAMONDBACK	2	2:40:12.00
75	203	TAVELLA	IGOR	ITA	S.C ALTA BADIA	1	2:40:12.75
76	209	COUDRAY	JULIEN	FRA	EGOBIKE	0	2:40:37.01
77	211	BACHLEDA	VOJTECH	SVK	SK VESEL DONOVAL	0	2:40:43.22
78	53	BONNAND	CYRILLE	FRA	VOLVO/CANNONDALE	0	2:40:51.26
79	214	SUBRT	JAN	CZE	CESKA SPORITELNA	0	2:40:52.17
80	212	LANGHANS	CHRISTIAN	GER	KÄSTLE	0	2:40:52.96
81	193	CZAPLA	RADOSLAW	POL	MLKS ARGOS	0	2:41:31.94

82	83	RANDOLPH	GREG	USA	TEAM GT	0	2:41:41.00
83	216	KONDIS	LUBOS	SVK	CK SLAVIA HUMENN	0	2:41:55.06
84	161	DEHO	MARZIO	ITA	CECINI LIVIGNO	0	2:42:03.89
85	199	SCHUSTER	HARALD	AUT	RC KOISER	0	2:42:33.86
86	192	BODNAR	GRZEGORZ	POL	BASZTA BYTOW	0	2:42:43.07
87	220	NAZAREJ	JOZEF	SVK	SK AUTHOR TRENCI	0	2:43:03.11
88	215	KOTAL	JAN	CZE	CESKA SPORITELNA	0	2:43:10.47
89	225	ERREN	MARCEL	GER	HEAVY TOOLS	0	2:43:35.26
90	222	BOSKIN	ALES	SLO	HIT-SCOTT	0	2:43:36.10
91	60	DAN	TAKUMA	JPN	SCOTT-JAPAN	0	2:43:35.63
92	166	HATZ	GOTTFRIED	AUT	UNION KRESTA ST	0	2:43:54.59
93	210	CARTOUX	JEAN FRANCOIS	FRA	EGOBIKE	0	2:44:04.01
94	191	NICKE	THOMAS	GER	SCHWINN	0	2:44:29.79
95	195	SPAK	JAN	SVK	KCK CYKLOSPORT O	0	2:45:03.62
96	31	LANDIS	FLOYD	USA	TWP	0	2:45:32.81
97	179	CHMIEL	RAFAL	POL	LKS, POM	0	2:45:40.45
98	197	HAMMERSCHMIDT	ERWIN	AUT		0	2:46:02.35
99	157	NORFOLK	JAMIE	GBR	SACHS/GIANT MBR	0	2:46:13.84
100	132	NIJBOER	ERWIN	NED	AMERICAN EAGLE	0	2:46:41.82
101	234	EISENKRAMMER	KSROLY	HUN	POSTAS MATAV	0	2:47:30.11
102	219	VASTIK	ADRIAN	SVK	SK AUTHOR TRENCI	0	2:47:37.39
103	85	MOTE	LAURENCE	NZL	GIANT NZL	0	2:49:08.45
104	232	HASENFRATZ	PETER	HUN	PCCC	0	2:49:40.07
at-1 lap							
105	224	MIKLIC	GREGOR	SLO	UNI-GIANT	0	- 1 LAP
106	217	MEDVED	PAVEL	SVK	SK AUTHOR TRENCI	0	- 1 LAP
107	200	SZORADI	BALAZS	HUN	MEDITECH SE	0	- 1 LAP
at -2 lap							

108	231	BOGAR	GABOR	HUN	PCCC	0	- 2 LAPS
109	190	BARTOLO	PAU	ESP	BUFF-OF3 SHAD	0	- 2 LAPS
110	226	HEYLEN	FRÉDÉRIC	BEL		0	- 2 LAPS
111	230	OTTO	JOZSEF	HUN	POSTAS MATAV	0	- 2 LAPS
112	218	HERMAN	PETER	SVK	CK RUPAS PRIEVID	0	- 2 LAPS
113	198	STIEFSOHN	ALEXANDER	AUT		0	- 2 LAPS
114	228	TÖMÖRDI	ZSOLT	HUN	HEAVY TOOLS	0	- 2 LAPS
115	233	KORCSOG	GABOR	HUN	POTTOSPEC	0	- 2 LAPS
116	202	VIZDAK	JANOS	HUN	GÖRDÖGÖK SE	0	- 3 LAPS
117	227	MOTOVAN	MIKLOS	HUN	HEAVY TOOLS	0	- 3 LAPS
118	204	LUBBERICH	MANFRED	GER	VOLVO SHULZ/BEST	0	- 3 LAPS
dnf							
	14	HESTLER	ANDREAS	CAN	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	0	DNF
	6	MOLDAY	KIRK	CAN	MARIN	0	DNF
	174	CAMRDA	KAREL	CZE	BUDVAR	0	DNF
	140	BAXTER	ELLIOT	GBR	TEAM RALEIGH	0	DNF
	26	CRAIG	NICK	GBR	DIAMONDBACK	0	DNF
	147	CUTHBERTSON	IAN	GBR	TEAM RALEIGH	0	DNF
	27	ORCEL	DAVID	FRA	SUNN-NIKE	0	DNF
	120	JULIEN	FABRICE	FRA	HARO	0	DNF
	2	CHIOTTI	JEROME	FRA	TEAM GT	0	DNF
	177	CHRISTEN	MARTIN	SUI	SCHÖTZ-UNIVEGA	0	DNF
	67	HOCHSTRASSER	THOMAS	SUI	TISSOT-WHEELER	0	DNF
	19	WABEL	BEAT	SUI	PROFLEX/MASTERCA	0	DNF
	37	JUNGÄKER	ERIK	SWE	SCOTT INTL	0	DNF
	64	BALCELLS	ALBERT	ESP	BUFF-OF3 SHAD	0	DNF
	88	LUNDBERG	MARTIN	SWE	NATIONAL TEAM SW	0	DNF
	66	ROLANDEZ	DAVID	FRA	CYCLES LAPIERRE	0	DNF

	196	ERIKSSON	KIM	SWE	NATIONAL TEAM SW	0	DNF
	208	POSPISIL	JIRI	CZE	OLPRAN	0	DNF
	59	HEJDUK	STANISLAV	CZE	AUTHOR EXPANDIA	0	DNF
	207	SIMECEK	DAVID	CZE	BUDVAR	0	DNF
	187	GUERCY	LAURENT	FRA	LOOK MTN BIKES	0	DNF
	221	TROBRVSEK	TADEJ	SLO	UNI-GIANT	0	DNF
	223	ROVSCEK	BORUT	SLO	HIT CASINO	0	DNF
	201	VINCZEFFY	ZSOLT	HUN	POTTOSPEC TEAM	0	DNF
dns							
	21	KLUGE	MIKE	GER	FOCUS	0	DNS
	30	FONTANA	ALESSANDRO	ITA	DIAMONDBACK/TISS	0	DNS