

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

First season mountain biker, **Alison Dunlap** (USA, GT) stunned the opposition with a display of controlled, powerful riding on the fast, yet tough Csilliberc course on the outskirts of Budapest.

After the race, a delighted Dunlap (26), from Colorado Springs, said, *"I loved the climbing. I'm a big climber."* Held on relatively smooth trails, which allowed the technical experts such as World Champion, **Alison Sydor** (CAN, Volvo-Cannondale), little chance to use her strengths, the fourth round of the cross country World Cup was always bound to be more a test of condition than skill among the leading contenders. *"It was difficult for me to gain much on any of the descents,"* said Sydor, who also admitted she was *"Off my game."* Even so, Sydor finished fifth and so remains second overall in the series.

**Paola Pezzo** (ITA, Gary Fisher) rode strongly all race to hold off a determined challenge from her compatriot, **Nadia de Negri** (Bianchi-Martini). Pezzo now has two first place finishes and two seconds from her four starts in the current series. By far the most consistent rider thus far, she extends her series lead to 44 points over Sydor.



Alison Dunlap at [St Wendel- XC#3](#)- last week

But things could change. *"I'm feeling very tired now. The race next week in the Czech Republic is going to be a stiff test for me,"* said the 1996 Olympic champion.

Dunlap took the lead half way through the first lap of three. She has also raced all four races in the series so far, but reports feeling no fatigue. *"I think it could be to do with my road racing background. Last year, as a road racer, I competed in 80 races. This year my schedule is 17."* Dunlap, who finished 35th in the Olympic Games road race last year and won a stage of the Tour Feminin, rode her first mountain bike race in March this year.

Fourth place was taken by the resurgent **Chantal Daucourt** (SUI, VW-Trek), who fought a race-long battle with Sydor. A one kilometre climb led to the finish, and Daucourt had more on the climb than the Canadian.

### **Paul Skilbeck**

**Weather conditions:** sunny, warm.

**Course:** 10.6km. Forest tracks. Steep climbs, fast descents, isolated technical challenges.

**Surface:** dry in places, tacky in other places.

**Crowd:** 5000

**Race distance:** 3 laps, 31.8km

**Course Length:** 10.6km

## Women's XC Results

Pos	Bib	Name	First Name	Nat	Team	WCPTS	Time
1	4	DUNLAP	ALISON	USA	TEAM GT	75	1:37:49.99
2	1	PEZZO	PAOLA	ITA	GARY FISHER	70	1:39:06.27
3	5	DE NEGRI	NADIA	ITA	BIANCHI MARTINI	66	1:39:38.53
4	6	DAUCOURT	CHANTAL	SUI	TREK/VOLKSWAGEN	62	1:40:34.64
5	2	SYDOR	ALISON	CAN	VOLVO/CANNONDALE	58	1:40:44.47
6	29	FULLANA	MARGARITA	ESP	LIBERTO MEGAMO A	55	1:40:45.45
7	3	TOMLINSON	LESLEY	CAN	KONA FACTORY	52	1:42:43.73
8	13	ALEXANDER	CAROLINE	GBR	RITCHEY	49	1:43:21.91
9	8	LEBOUCHER	LAURENCE	FRA	LA POSTE	46	1:43:41.24
10	27	ROBINSON	LOUISE	GBR	TEAM RALEIGH	43	1:44:46.13
11	7	STROPPARO	ANNABELLA	ITA	VOLVO-CANNONDALE	40	1:44:58.48
12	9	MATTHES	RUTHIE	USA	POWERBAR	39	1:45:18.30
13	11	REDDEN	CHRISTINA	CAN	RITCHEY	38	1:45:22.53
14	25	ROVIRA	SILVIA	ESP	SPECIALIZED-SPAI	37	1:45:45.33
15	22	MARUNDE	REGINA	GER	GT GERMANY	36	1:46:37.61
16	15	TURCUTTO	MARIA PAOLA	ITA	CECINI LIVIGNO	35	1:47:28.06
17	16	RÖSCH	NORA	GER	PROFLEX/MASTERCA	34	1:48:04.13
18	18	ZU PUTLITZ	HEDDA	GER	TEAM H+H	33	1:49:07.25
19	19	FÜRST	SILVIA	SUI	MT DEW/SPECIALIZ	32	1:49:30.75
20	26	SPITZ	SABINE	GER	TEAM KONA	31	1:49:40.86
21	105	BLANCO	LAURA	ESP	BIANCHI REC. LOP	30	1:50:03.76

22	37	BRUNGER	TRACY	GBR	PROFLEX/MASTERCA	29	1:52:05.07
23	73	JONSSON	ANNICA	SWE	NATIONAL TEAM SW	28	1:52:48.39
24	20	MCQUAID	MELANIE	CAN	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	27	1:53:26.57
25	60	NAKAGOME	YUKARI	JPN	MIYATA	26	1:53:42.21
26	17	TANIKAWA	KANAKO	JPN	A&F;	25	1:54:26.62
27	92	OHRSTIG	EMELIE	SWE	GT-SWEDEN	24	1:54:26.62
28	46	DORLAND	CORINE	NED	VSB BATAVUS	23	1:55:20.34
29	104	VAJDA	MARTA	HUN	POSTAS MATAV	22	1:58:21.36
30	59	MICHELS-SMITH	ANDREA	GER	KHS GERMANY	21	1:59:25.28
31	96	BRAUMANN	BIRGIT	AUT	CYCLOPIA TREK	20	1:59:55.41
32	94	GARCIA	NADÉGE	FRA	EGOBIKE	19	2:03:31.86
33	108	SITAROVA	IVETA	SLO	TATRA BIKE PRESO	18	2:04:14.15
34	109	CSOMOR	ERIKA	HUN	SZEGEDI KSC	17	2:06:47.37
35	103	RUSHTON	ALISON	GBR	GIANT/SACHS MICH	16	2:10:12.83
36	106	PAPP	KATALIN	HUN	HEAVY TOOLS	15	2:15:16.81
0	90	EPIFANOVA	ALLA	RUS	BUDVAR	0	DNF
0	14	TEMPORELLI	SANDRA	FRA	LA POSTE	0	DNF
0	100	HAINZL	REGINA	AUT	KTM FACTORY TEAM	0	DNF
0	80	KOLAROVA	KATERINA	CZE	JOKO	0	DNF
0	107	GALLAGHER	GILLIAN	GBR	KONA GBR	0	DNS