

Venue: Mont-Sainte-Anne- XC#7- 28-29 June 1997

There should be no doubt in any reader's mind that **Thomas Frischknecht**, 27, (SUI, Ritchey) was firmly in control of the seventh round of the Grundig-UCI cross country Mountain Bike World Cup race until the time of his puncture on the third lap of six. He has won twice before, here at Mont-Sainte-Anne, ('92 and '94), and the three-time World Cup winner looked like he had only to beat **Miguel Martinez**, 21, (FRA, Sunn-Nike) in order to claim the fourteenth world cup round win of his career.



Pallhuber fought hard but this course was too fast for him

Frischknecht set a cat among the pigeons with his attack from the start line, and several good riders were sent reeling from contention on the first lap. A small group formed at the front, containing Frischknecht, Martinez and **Hubert**



Frischknecht made the race for the first half, then was forced out by punctures

Pallhuber (ITA, DBR-Tissot). Early in the second lap, **Ludovic Dubau** (FRA, Sunn-Nike) pulled **Andres Brenes** (CRC, Ritchey) up to join the leaders. This prompted another attack from Frischknecht, which broke up the leading five, and took him clear with Martinez the only one to follow. Martinez later claimed that he was riding within himself in the early laps, and this could well be true.

Nobody can really tell what the outcome would have been if Frischknecht had not punctured on the third lap, but it happened and a second puncture almost immediately afterwards took him

out of the race. *"Why does this have to happen when I'm feeling really good? Why couldn't I have flattened last week, when I was having a terrible race?"* said Frischknecht with a wry smile.

Dubau shed his rivals easily enough and moved up towards Martinez. *"Sure, I wanted to win the race. Miguel has several world cup race wins to his credit, and I have none yet, so I had a go,"* he admitted about the attack on his team mate. The closest he got, however, was 15 seconds. *"If he had caught me, our team director would have told me to let him win,"* said Martinez, who had no intention of being caught by anybody once Frischknecht was out of the picture.

World Champion, **Jerome Chiotti** (FRA, GT) took third, making it a French one-two-three, as it was here last year. Martinez moves into the series lead, ahead of **Christophe Dupouey** (FRA, Sunn-Nike).

Next xc race. Vail, Colorado, July 12-13.

Paul Skilbeck

Course: 6.9km, 343m climbing each lap. Mixture of wide roads and narrow woodland tracks featuring tight corners, steep drops and tree roots.

Spectators: 12,000;

Weather: hot, sunny. 32C.

Laps/distance, men: 6.2/43.2km. Average speed (approx.) 18.8kph

Men's XC Results

Pos	Bib	Name	First Name	Nat	Team	WCPTS	Time
1	5	MARTINEZ	MIGUEL	FRA	SUNN-NIKE	100	2:17:30.73
2	2	DUBAU	LUDOVIC	FRA	SUNN-NIKE	93	2:18:44.26
3	10	CHIOTTI	JEROME	FRA	TEAM GT	87	2:19:26.75
4	3	HÖYDAHL	RUNE	NOR	GIANT	82	2:19:57.83
5	6	PALLHUBER	HUBERT	ITA	DIAMONDBACK/TISS	78	2:21:07.70
6	16	KRISTENSEN	LENNIE	DEN	GIANT	75	2:21:37.07
7	8	RASMUSSEN	MICHAEL	DEN	TREK-VOLKSWAGEN	72	2:22:23.24
8	7	BAKER	DAVID	GBR	TEAM GT	70	2:22:44.95
9	4	EVANS	CADEL	AUS	DIAMONDBACK	68	2:22:56.99
10	9	BRENES	ANDRES	CRC	RITCHEY	66	2:24:21.35
11	17	BRENTJENS	BART	NED	MT DEW/SPECIALIZ	65	2:25:06.85
12	23	CRAIG	NICK	GBR	DIAMONDBACK	64	2:25:48.08
13	13	ARNOULD	DOMINIQUE	FRA	PROFLEX/MASTERCA	63	2:26:11.19
14	46	HERMIDA	JOSÉ ANTONIO	ESP	SCOTT INTL	62	2:26:43.77
15	21	BISHOP	ANDY	USA	GARY FISHER	61	2:27:13.99
16	30	MEIRHAEGHE	FILIP	BEL	RECORDBANK	60	2:27:38.71
17	20	HESTLER	ANDREAS	CAN	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	59	2:27:51.99
18	35	GREEN	ROLAND	CAN	KONA FACTORY	58	2:28:11.41
19	65	PRICE	DARYL	USA	TREK/VOLKSWAGEN	57	2:28:19.07
20	51	KLUGE	MIKE	GER	FOCUS	56	2:28:32.56
21	26	CLARKE	BARRIE	GBR	TEAM RALEIGH	55	2:28:45.74
22	186	FOORD	GARY	GBR	SCOTT INTL	54	2:29:02.40
23	56	ROWNEY	PAUL	AUS	GIANT/AIS	53	2:29:36.75
24	85	SCHWEDLER	JENS	GER	GIANT	52	2:29:55.17
25	76	HOCHSTRASSER	THOMAS	SUI	TISSOT-WHEELER	51	2:31:20.86

26	27	VOLLET	GRÉGORY	FRA	GIANT	50	2:32:09.75
27	44	PAULISSEN	ROEL	BEL	AMERICAN EAGLE	49	2:32:24.42
28	64	GOULD	TIM	GBR	SCHWINN/TOYOTA R	48	2:33:03.34
29	36	VAN DEN ABEELE	PETER	BEL	PROFLEX/MASTERCA	47	2:33:21.43
30	18	LARSEN	TOM	NOR	NORWAY NAT	46	2:33:34.54
31	81	GULLICKSON	MARC	USA	TEAM GT	45	2:33:57.09
32	43	WYSSEIER	RETO	SUI	SCOTT INTL	44	2:34:16.82
33	55	SHEPPARD	CHRIS	CAN	HARO	43	2:34:30.06
34	49	AGERGAARD	JESPER	DEN	H + H	42	2:35:07.51
35	38	PERSSON	ROGER	SWE	NATL TM SWEDEN/C	41	2:35:20.26
36	192	ARNTZ	MARCEL	NED	PROFLEX/MASTERCA	40	2:35:35.28
37	15	CIONI	DARIO	ITA	MAPEI-KONA	39	2:35:53.29
38	231	TOURVILLE	ERIC	CAN	PROCYCLE ORYX	38	2:36:00.96
39	24	OSTERGAARD	JAN ERIK	DEN	CORRATEC-IKO	37	2:36:33.51
40	60	GROVER	NEIL	CAN	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	36	2:38:14.83
41	53	WIEJAK	JAN	POL	HARO/LKS PRIM KO	35	2:38:49.13
42	11	HERISSET	CHRISTOPHE	FRA	SUNN-NIKE	34	2:39:01.39
43	48	STAUDER	ROLAND	ITA	RAINER BIKE TEAM	33	2:39:23.82
44	166	TOULOUSE	MATHIEU	CAN	BROMONT AVP	32	2:39:35.03
45	205	WEDGE	PETER	CAN	KONA FACTORY	31	2:40:28.36
46	221	DE KNEGT	GERBEN	NED	AMERICAN EAGLE	30	2:41:09.90
47	73	LARSSON	TOMMY	SWE	NATL TM SWEDEN/C	29	2:41:34.18
48	126	AUSTAD	HAAKON	NOR	NORWAY NAT/GIANT	28	2:42:28.41
49	175	LLOYD	NATHAN	USA	BIANCHI MARTINI	27	2:43:15.09
50	229	GERKEN	MATT	USA	COOLMAX DEVO	26	2:43:44.18
51	66	VAN DER VEN	JOHAN	NED	VSB BATAVUS	25	2:43:53.05
52	197	SEYMOUR	ROBIN	IRL	GIANT	24	2:44:00.31
at -1 lap							

53	194	LASENBY	PAUL	GBR	MERCEDES/MARIN	23	-1 LAP
54	47	HUMMELSIEP	DENNIS	GER	TEAM H + H	22	-1 LAP
55	200	VISSER	GEORGE	CAN	E.C. COURSE RECO	21	-1 LAP
at -3 laps							
56	215	SPADACCINI	PAUL	CAN	OGC/GARY FISHER	20	-3 LAPS
57	193	HILL	DEAN	NZL	PROFLEX NZL	19	-3 LAPS
58	211	BLANCO	GABRIEL	ARG	MARIN	18	-3 LAPS
59	178	COBHAM	PAUL	CAN	SILENT SPORTS	17	-3 LAPS
60	202	DEBELIN	MATT	AUS		16	-3 LAPS
61	226	BLAIS	JEAN-FRANCOIS	CAN	NEW COURT DEVINC	15	-3 LAPS
62	223	SHRIVER	ZACH	USA	COOL MAX DEVO	14	-3 LAPS
63	222	NIELSEN	FRODE	NOR	NORWAY NATL TEAM	13	-3 LAPS
dnf							
	14	MOLDAY	KIRK	CAN	MARIN	0	DNF
	69	SLAVICEK	JAN	CZE	AUTHOR EXPANDIA	0	DNF
	41	HANISCH	MARC	GER	HERCULES	0	DNF
	25	DJERNIS	HENRIK	DEN	AMERICAN EAGLE	0	DNF
	1	DUPOUEY	CHRISTOPHE	FRA	SUNN-NIKE	0	DNF
	78	JULIEN	FABRICE	FRA	HARO	0	DNF
	155	BAKER	ALDON	RSA	MAXXIS-OUTLAND	0	DNF
	37	VAN DOOREN	BAS	NED	VSB BATAVUS	0	DNF
	12	FRISCHKNECHT	THOMAS	SUI	RITCHEY	0	DNF
	29	WABEL	BEAT	SUI	PROFLEX/MASTERCA	0	DNF
	50	JUNGÄKER	ERIK	SWE	SCOTT INTL	0	DNS
	75	BALCELLS	ALBERT	ESP	BUFF-OF3 SHAD	0	DNF
	31	NOTARIO	FRANCISCO JAVI	ESP	CORONAS REEBOK	0	DNF
	32	MYRAH	DON	USA	TREK/VOLKSWAGEN	0	DNF
	33	JUAREZ	DAVID 'TINKER'	USA	VOLVO/CANNONDALE	0	DNF

	89	LARSEN	STEVE	USA	SCHWINN/TOYOTA R	0	DNF
	218	PARKIN	JOE	USA	NAUTILUS/BARACUD	0	DNF
	22	ACQUAROLI	DARIO	ITA	BIANCHI MARTINI	0	DNF
	183	DESCHEPPER	SAMMY	BEL	BALANCE	0	DNF
	19	TCHERKASSOV	PAVEL	RUS	DIAMONDBACK/TISS	0	DNF
	145	TAVELLA	IGOR	ITA	S.C ALTA BADIA	0	DNF
	93	DAN	TAKUMA	JPN	SCOTT-JAPAN	0	DNF
	129	STARK	KEITH	CAN	NORCO	0	DNF
	42	LANDIS	FLOYD	USA	TWP	0	DNF
	219	LAFONTAINE	BRUNO	CAN	TEAM KONA	0	DNF
	212	FREEMANTLE	MARC	CAN	MISSING LINK	0	DNF
	176	PARADIS	SEBASTIEN	CAN	TEAM DEKERF	0	DNF
	213	LAVALLE	PHILIPPE	CAN	EXCELLENCE SPT/H	0	DNF
	225	ROBERT	JEAN-FRANCOIS	CAN	NEW COURT DEVINC	0	DNF
	227	ANASTASIADIS	SEAN	CAN	CLUB OLYMPIA	0	DNF
	209	BRADY	CRAIG	IRL		0	DNF
	52	BONNAND	CYRILLE	FRA	VOLVO/CANNONDALE	0	DNF
	190	BENNETT	TIM	AUS	BARRACUDA	0	DNF
	143	NIJBOER	ERWIN	NED	AMERICAN EAGLE	0	DNF
	170	HORGAN KOBELSKI	JERMEY	USA	COOL MAX DEVO	0	DNF
	224	CORBEIL	GILLES	CAN		0	DNF
	228	NUCKLE	MARTIN	CAN	NEWCOURT	0	DNF
	204	LANDRY	JACQUES	CAN	EXCELLENCE SPT/H	0	DNF
dns							
	230	RANDOLPH	GREG		TEAM GT	0	DNS
	77	WELLS	TODD	USA	MT DEW/SPECIALIZ	0	DNS