

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

Compared to the men's race, in which almost everything that could have happened did, the women's race was somewhat processional. Olympic Champion, **Paola Pezzo**, 28, (ITA, Gary Fisher), won by a huge margin, five minutes, twenty-eight, to be exact. Like Frischknecht, she attacked on the first climb of the race, and an attempt was made to follow her by **Chantal Daucourt** (SUI, Trek Volkswagen) and World Champion, **Alison Sydor** (CAN, Volvo-Cannondale).

The chase rapidly became a short battle for second place, which was also decided on the first lap, while Pezzo cruised to an easy win. *"It was easier than last week,"* admitted the Italian, who looked as if she'd done little more than a brisk one hour, forty-five training ride at the end of it. Daucourt took second place, almost three minutes ahead of Sydor, who looked pale and drawn at the finish.



Pezzo's bike handling skills were an asset



Alison Sydor looked pale and reported feeling a bit low

Pezzo is finally starting to admit to a certain zone of comfort with her World Cup lead. She now has a 45 point cushion ahead of Sydor in the series. Sydor admitted that it was virtually impossible to catch the Italian now.

Mont-Sainte-Anne, which hosts world cup events in snow sports as well as cycling, will be the location for the Mountain Bike World Championships in September 1998.

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, women: 4.2/29.2km. Average speed: (approx.) 16.9kp/h.



Chantal Daucourt's effort deprived Alison Sydor of valuable world cup points

Women's XC Results

Pos	Bib	Name	First Name	Nat	Team	WCPTS	Time
1	1	PEZZO	PAOLA	ITA	GARY FISHER-ROSO	75	1:44:08.91
2	4	DAUCOURT	CHANTAL	SUI	TREK/VOLKSWAGEN	70	1:49:37.79
3	2	SYDOR	ALISON	CAN	VOLVO/CANNONDALE	66	1:52:20.04
4	8	MATTHES	RUTHIE	USA	POWERBAR	62	1:53:04.18
5	50	EPIFANOVA	ALLA	RUS	BUDVAR	58	1:56:09.55
6	9	RÖSCH	NORA	GER	PROFLEX/MASTERCA	55	1:56:49.12
7	5	DE NEGRI	NADIA	ITA	BIANCHI MARTINI	52	1:57:25.31
8	7	STROPPARO	ANNABELLA	ITA	VOLVO-CANNONDALE	49	1:57:40.19
9	12	REDDEN	CHRISTINA	CAN	RITCHEY	46	1:58:34.79
10	6	TOMLINSON	LESLEY	CAN	KONA FACTORY	43	1:58:46.87
11	19	FÜRST	SILVIA	SUI	MT DEW/SPECIALIZ	40	2:00:03.76
12	87	SINCLAIR	PATRICIA	CAN	KONA FACTORY	39	2:01:51.55
13	18	MCQUAID	MELANIE	CAN	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	38	2:02:24.58
14	23	GRIGSON	MARY	AUS	GIANT/AIS	37	2:02:49.99
15	52	DORION	MELANIE	CAN	SCOTT MTB RACE T	36	2:03:02.90
16	17	TANIKAWA	KANAKO	JPN	A&F;	35	2:03:22.34
17	21	TEMPORELLI	SANDRA	FRA	PEUGEOT LA POSTE	34	2:04:04.70
18	14	ROVIRA	SILVIA	ESP	SPECIALIZED-SPAI	33	2:04:19.27
19	28	HEARN	MARY	USA	POLO SPORT	32	2:04:32.90
20	53	ELLIS	SARA	USA	PLYMOUTH/ELLSWOR	31	2:06:33.55
21	112	GARCIA	LEAH	USA	MARIN	30	2:08:23.82
22	65	EGLIN-HOSOTTE	SOPHIE	FRA	PEUGEOT LA POSTE	29	2:09:31.46
23	122	PLATT	CHRISTINE	CAN		28	2:09:39.66
24	13	ZU PUTLITZ	HEDDA	GER	TEAM H+H	27	2:10:02.75
25	111	MCGILVRAY	LISA	CAN	SILENT SPORTS	26	2:10:05.24

26	32	NAKAGOME	YUKARI	JPN	MIYATA	25	2:10:14.97
27	110	NANBU	HIROKO	JPN	PANASONIC PANARA	24	2:12:38.93
28	59	GREENE	LESLIE	CAN	KONA FACTORY	23	2:15:12.19
at-1 lap							
29	31	MICHELS-SMITH	ANDREA	GER	KHS GERMANY	22	-1 LAP
30	115	VAN DE BRAND	DAPHNY	NED	VSB BATAVUS	21	-1 LAP
31	113	DWYER	JEANIE	CAN	NEWCOURT DEVINCI	20	-1 LAP
at-2 laps							
32	118	PADUA	SUE	CAN	THE BIKE SHOP	19	-2 LAPS
33	120	BENEKE	STACY	USA	SUNSHINE	18	-2 LAPS
dnf							
	15	ROBINSON	LOUISE	GBR	TEAM RALEIGH	0	DNF
	30	GASSMANN	DANIELA	SUI	TISSOT-WHEELER	0	DNF
	41	WILSON	KAREN	USA	PEARL IZUMI	0	DNF
	27	KAIN	SHARI	USA	POLO SPORT	0	DNF
	38	BRAINARD	GOLDEN	USA	BIANCHI MARTINI	0	DNF
dns							
	121	SHER	LISA	USA	NAUTILUS/BARACUD	0	DNS