

Venue: Spindleruv Mlyn, Czech Republic- XC#5- 10/11 May 1997

Sunn-Nike riders today showed total domination of a strong men's field, and capped a remarkable performance today by becoming the first team to take all three top places in a World Cup race.

Miguel Martinez was the first home of the top three Sunn-Nike riders. The 21 year-old French star, from Garchizy, took the line honours and the fourth World Cup win of his career with a carefully timed attack that devastated his opponents.

A seven lap race on this short circuit produced a tightly bunched field. After the second time up the steep ski slopes the bunches of riders were smaller, but still grouped up. Leading the race was a group of eight, four from the Sunn-Nike team.

For the first three laps, **Hubert Pallhuber** (ITA, DBR-Tissot) worked as the policeman, bringing back the attacks of **Ludovic Dubau** (FRA, Sunn-Nike), **Christophe Herrisset** (FRA, Sunn-Nike), **Christophe Dupouey** (FRA, Sunn-Nike), who were taking turns to push the pace. Martinez was less active at this time. Also in the group was Danish Champion, **Michael Rasmussen** (VW-Trek) and **Rune Hoydahl** (NOR, Giant).

On the third lap, Martinez signalled to Herrisset to make a move, and a heated moment followed when Pallhuber claimed that Dubau pushed him off the track as he attempted to chase.



Miguel Martinez (FRA) made it a 1-2-3 for Sunn-Nike

Dubau said he was unaware of the Italian's presence. Tactics unquestionably came into the race, and the Sunn-Nike riders were frequently seen in conference discussing what to do.

As the race wore on, the steep climbs took their toll and riders dropped off the pace and the lead group lost Hoydahl. Pallhuber and Rasmussen led the chase of Herrisset, who was 33 seconds ahead on the fifth lap. On the second climb of that lap, Martinez made his move, shooting past the Dane and Italian. Martinez caught his teammate when Herrisset (25) slipped on a root on the second climb of the fifth lap. The two started the sixth lap together, but the younger rider stomped into the lead up the steep one kilometre climb ascending from the start. From there he continued to increase his leading margin.

Herrisset was fading fast, and behind Martinez, Dubau and Dupouey went past Rasmussen and Pallhuber. Dupouey and Dubau had a final discussion, and agreed that Dupouey, last year's World Cup winner, should take second place, to help in his campaign to win again this year. With **Cadel Evans** (AUS, DBR), the Blue Jersey wearer, racing in the USA this weekend to fulfill sponsorship commitments, Dupouey's ascension to the top was then a formality.

Swiss rider, **Thomas Frischknecht** (Ritchey), today ended his World Cup campaign when a stomach upset prevented him from completing the race.

Paul Skilbeck

Course: 6.2km, 250m climbing each lap. Mixture of wide roads and trails on exposed alpine slopes, and narrow woodland tracks featuring tight corners and tree roots.

Spectators: 8,000; Weekend's total: 13,000

Weather: Warm, sunny.

Laps/Distance: 7 / 43.4km

Average speed: 21.7km/h

Men's XC Results

Pos	Bib	Name	First Name	Nat	Team	WCPTS	Time
1	6	MARTINEZ	MIGUEL	FRA	SUNN-NIKE	100	2:00:16.84
2	2	DUPOUEY	CHRISTOPHE	FRA	SUNN-NIKE	93	2:02:01.59
3	3	DUBAU	LUDOVIC	FRA	SUNN-NIKE	87	2:02:02.20
4	11	RASMUSSEN	MICHAEL	DEN	TREK-VOLKSWAGEN	82	2:02:31.74
5	8	PALLHUBER	HUBERT	ITA	DIAMONDBACK/TISS	78	2:03:04.40
6	10	HERISSET	CHRISTOPHE	FRA	SUNN-NIKE	75	2:03:39.81
7	4	HÖYDAHL	RUNE	NOR	GIANT	72	2:03:57.98
8	15	ARNOULD	DOMINIQUE	FRA	PROFLEX/MASTERCA	70	2:06:16.06
9	30	LARSEN	TOM	NOR	AMERICAN EAGLE	68	2:06:45.76
10	16	BRENES	ANDRES	CRC	RITCHEY	66	2:06:46.46
11	26	BRUSCHI	DANIELE	ITA	MARIN/TISSOT	65	2:07:02.26
12	5	BAKER	DAVID	GBR	TEAM GT	64	2:07:07.50
13	24	BRENTJENS	BART	NED	MT DEW/SPECIALIZ	63	2:07:08.26
14	56	DELION	GILLES	FRA	CYCLES LAPIERRE	62	2:07:22.93
15	38	OSTERGAARD	JAN ERIK	DEN	CORRATEC-IKO	61	2:07:28.47
16	35	CRAIG	NICK	GBR	DIAMONDBACK	60	2:07:36.63
17	39	ACQUAROLI	DARIO	ITA	BIANCHI MARTINI	59	2:07:51.03
18	77	SAUSER	CHRISTOPHE	SUI	PARKPRE FORD WIN	58	2:08:13.88
19	60	PERSSON	ROGER	SWE	NATIONAL TEAM SW	57	2:08:32.53
20	22	HESTLER	ANDREAS	CAN	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	56	2:08:55.77
21	57	HERMIDA	JOSÉ ANTONIO	ESP	SCOTT INTL	55	2:09:04.77
22	55	WYSSEIER	RETO	SUI	SCOTT INTL	54	2:09:23.59
23	61	VAN DOOREN	BAS	NED	VSB BATAVUS	53	2:09:36.27
24	21	TCHERKASSOV	PAVEL	RUS	DIAMONDBACK/TISS	52	2:09:52.02
25	95	STAUDER	ROLAND	ITA	RAINER BIKE TEAM	51	2:09:53.11

26	70	GREEN	ROLAND	CAN	KONA FACTORY	50	2:09:53.46
27	29	BISHOP	ANDY	USA	GARY FISHER	49	2:10:14.57
28	58	VAN DEN ABEELE	PETER	BEL	PROFLEX/MASTERCA	48	2:10:28.84
29	82	VAN DER VEN	JOHAN	NED	VSB BATAVUS	47	2:10:34.89
30	195	STICHA	PAVEL	CZE	AUTHOR EXPANDIA	46	2:10:53.92
31	69	BONNAND	CYRILLE	FRA	VOLVO/CANNONDALE	45	2:11:09.43
32	66	HELLER	MARCEL	SUI	SCHÖTZ-UNIVEGA	44	2:11:18.68
33	83	GALINSKI	MAREK	POL	LKS OPTEX SA GIA	43	2:11:23.56
34	115	POULY	PETER	FRA	SUNN NIKE	42	2:11:30.78
35	46	HEYLEN	BENNY	BEL	BATAVUS	41	2:11:35.45
36	183	FRUET	MARTINO	ITA	CARRARO MTB TEAM	40	2:11:45.91
37	127	JEZEK	VACLAV	CZE	AUTHOR EXPANDIA	39	2:11:59.87
38	88	PAULISSEN	ROEL	BEL	AMERICAN EAGLE	38	2:12:02.09
39	13	CIONI	DARIO	ITA	MAPEI-KONA	37	2:12:02.48
40	41	VOLLET	GRÉGORY	FRA	GIANT	36	2:12:20.19
41	52	MANIN	CHRISTOPHE	FRA	MBK	35	2:12:20.68
42	85	ROLANDEZ	DAVID	FRA	CYCLES LAPIERRE	34	2:12:27.64
43	73	GROVER	NEIL	CAN	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	33	2:12:31.23
44	133	JULIEN	FABRICE	FRA	HARO	32	2:13:20.41
45	167	FORT	RADOVAN	CZE	FORT MTB REDBULL	31	2:13:27.41
46	19	MEIRHAEGHE	FILIP	BEL	RECORDBANK	30	2:13:31.68
47	42	HUMMELSIEP	DENNIS	GER	TEAM H + H	29	2:13:40.75
48	229	KOTAL	JAN	CZE	CESKA SPORITELNA	28	2:13:50.89
49	74	GIL	DARIUSZ	POL	LKS, POM	27	2:14:08.18
50	99	CERTAIN	LAURENT	FRA	CYCLES LAPIERRE	26	2:14:19.99
51	122	CAMRDA	PAVEL	CZE	BUDVAR	25	2:14:31.47
52	106	LARSSON	TOMMY	SWE	NATIONAL TEAM SW	24	2:14:41.93
53	247	PIRAZZOLI	MIRKO	ITA	PRO DYNAMIX BUD	23	2:14:59.66

54	142	TAVELL	PHILIP	SWE	NATIONAL TEAM SW	22	2:15:07.24
55	79	WEEVERS	JAN	NED	GIANT	21	2:15:13.19
56	53	JUNGÄKER	ERIK	SWE	SCOTT INTL	20	2:15:39.01
57	178	LAUTERBACH	THOMAS	GER	BENETTON SPORTS	19	2:15:56.90
58	40	AGERGAARD	JESPER	DEN	SORE B.C	18	2:15:57.31
59	48	WIEJAK	JAN	POL	HARO/LKS PRIM KO	17	2:16:37.12
60	245	NAZAREJ	JOZEF	SVK	SK AUTHOR TRENCI	16	2:16:39.60
61	213	ELSNIC	PAVEL	CZE	RED BULLFORT	15	2:16:40.48
62	146	NIJBOER	ERWIN	NED	AMERICAN EAGLE	14	2:16:40.89
63	54	DIETSCH	THOMAS	FRA	CYCLES LAPIERRE	13	2:16:57.30
64	173	JEAN	MICHEL	FRA	MBK	12	2:17:04.05
65	154	TAVELLA	IGOR	ITA	S.C ALTA BADIA	11	2:17:13.40
66	187	CHRISTEN	MARTIN	SUI	SCHÖTZ-UNIVEGA	10	2:17:38.37
67	233	HLADIK	FRANTISEK	CZE	TREK MTB TEAM	9	2:17:46.17
68	176	DEHO	MARZIO	ITA	CECINI LIVIGNO	8	2:17:59.13
69	148	INDUNI	MASSIMO	ITA	TEAM MAPEI KONA	7	2:18:03.14
70	210	SPACEK	MICHAL	CZE	SK SAGITA JICIN	6	2:18:18.99
71	139	BINKERT	MARKUS	SUI	PARKPRE FORD WIN	5	2:18:42.20
72	152	ZOLI	JADER	ITA	DIAMONDBACK	4	2:18:52.65
73	235	KOHOUT	TOMAS	CZE	GRUSSI RACING TE	3	2:19:26.89
74	64	LEUCHS	KASHI	NZL	DIAMONDBACK NZL	2	2:20:18.02
75	98	MOTE	LAURENCE	NZL	GIANT NZL	1	2:21:19.87
76	242	SPAK	JAN	SVK	KCK CYKLOSPORT O	0	2:22:39.60
-1 lap							
77	165	PONTONI	DANIELE	ITA	LE RUN BIKING	0	-1 LAP
78	234	PISTOR	MATEY	SLO	GT	0	-1 LAP
79	211	NICKE	THOMAS	GER	SCHWINN	0	-1 LAP
80	172	BOSKIN	ALES	SLO	HIT-SCOTT	0	-1 LAP

81	248	BACHLEDA	VOJTECH	SVK	SK VESEL DONOVAL	0	-1 LAP
82	240	CAMRDA	LUDEK	CZE	ROCK MACHINE	0	-1 LAP
83	47	POSPICHAL	KURT	AUT	TEAM GT	0	-1 LAP
84	238	LOM	LUBOS	CZE	SK CYKLO KLADNO	0	-1 LAP
85	215	VALTERA	PAVEL	CZE	SK HEAVY TOOLS	0	-1 LAP
86	236	CZAPLA	RADOSLAW	POL	MLKS ARGOS	0	-1 LAP
87	226	HRACH	MICHAEL	CZE	NIVO RACING TEAM	0	-1 LAP
88	243	SIMECEK	DAVID	CZE	BUDVAR	0	-1 LAP
89	216	DOLEZAL	TOMAS	CZE	DUKLA PRAHA	0	-1 LAP
90	246	SULZBACHER	PETR	CZE	VC PEK-SERVIS	0	-1 LAP
91	214	CHOTEBORSKY	PAVEL	CZE	SCT KL SPORT MOS	0	-1 LAP
92	218	STRELKOV	ALEXANDER	RUS	LOKOMOTIV	0	-1 LAP
93	212	MIKLIC	GREGOR	SLO	UNI-GIANT	0	-1 LAP
94	161	ERIKSSON	KIM	SWE	NATIONAL TEAM SW	0	-1 LAP
-2 laps							
95	244	SCHUSTER	HARALD	AUT	RC KOISER	0	-2 LAPS
96	241	HRONZA	RUFOLF	CZE	JM LEADER FOX	0	-2 LAPS
97	121	SCHLOSSER	ROMAN	GER	SCOTT	0	-2 LAPS
98	138	BARENYI	MILAN	SVK	KCK CYKLOSPORT	0	-2 LAPS
99	231	ZEMTCZOV	NIKOLAY	RUS	SHVSM	0	-2 LAPS
100	179	HATZ	GOTTFRIED	AUT	BIANCHI CONTINEN	0	-2 LAPS
101	223	KRAL	ONDREJ	CZE	TREK MTB TEAM	0	-2 LAPS
102	222	HORAK	DANIEL	CZE	TREK MTB TEAM	0	-2 LAPS
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0	25	GERRITSEN	MARCEL	NED	MT DEW/SPECIALIZ	0	DNF
0	49	SLAVICEK	JAN	CZE	AUTHOR EXPANDIA	0	DNF
0	43	HANISCH	MARC	GER	HERCULES	0	DNF
0	186	CAMRDA	KAREL	CZE	BUDVAR	0	DNF

0	101	KANKOVSKY	MARTIN	CZE	CESKA SPORITELNA	0	DNF
0	78	GUY	MATT	GBR	GIANT	0	DNF
0	20	CLARKE	BARRIE	GBR	TEAM RALEIGH	0	DNF
0	180	JAUK	MARJAN	SLO	LEE COUGAN	0	DNF
0	23	DJERNIS	HENRIK	DEN	AMERICAN EAGLE	0	DNF
0	50	GRONBECH	MICHAEL	DEN	CORRATEC-IKO	0	DNF
0	9	FRISCHKNECHT	THOMAS	SUI	RITCHEY	0	DNF
0	86	HOCHSTRASSER	THOMAS	SUI	TISSOT-WHEELER	0	DNF
0	27	WABEL	BEAT	SUI	PROFLEX/MASTERCA	0	DNF
0	17	NOTARIO	FRANCISCO JAVI	ESP	CORONAS REEBOK	0	DNF
0	193	MARGON	FABRIZIO	ITA	RC BIKE	0	DNF
0	141	GLAJZA	ROBERT	SVK	CYKLO TEAM BUDVA	0	DNF
0	100	LUNDBERG	MARTIN	SWE	NATIONAL TEAM SW	0	DNF
0	32	SHEPPARD	CHRIS	CAN	HARO	0	DNF
0	189	CHMIEL	RAFAL	POL	LKS, POM	0	DNF
0	92	BELLONI	FLIPPO	ITA	LE RUN BIKING	0	DNF
0	59	SARGENTI	MOSSIMO	ITA	LE RUN BIKING	0	DNF
0	104	SANCHEZ	JORGE	ESP	BUFF-OF3 SHAD	0	DNF
0	217	VAKHROVCHEV	ALEXEI	RUS	IZJPLANETA	0	DNF
0	45	STÖCKLI	LUKAS	SUI	GT-SUISSE	0	DNF