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Evans Wins Title

Christophe Dupouey flattens field for final win, but Cadel Evans is fast enough to protect series lead.

Cadel Evans (AUS, Volvo-Cannondale) finally received the pay-off he's been looking for, winning his first world cup title after several years of trying. He finished third in an exciting men's race on Sunday, battling with other top-ranked riders for critical final-round points. **Christophe Dupouey** (FRA, Sunn-Un) sped to victory with amazing speed as the field could only race for second place in the five and a half lap event. Team Volvo-Cannondale also won [yesterday's women's title](#) thanks to **Alison Sydor** and, as the top UCI cross-country trade team, won three world cup titles this weekend.

Sunday's weather was picture-perfect for racing with sunny skies, a slight breeze and an estimated 12,000 spectators in attendance. The men's points race was close this season, as it was for the women. In a situation similar to last season's final battle in Annecy between Evans and espoir rival **Miguel Martinez** (FRA, Sunn-Un), the Sunn-Un team had an opportunity - albeit a slim one - to manoeuvre their way to another individual title.

Martinez came into this race ranked third with **Rune Hoydahl** (NOR, Giant) in second. If Martinez won the race and Evans finished seventh or worse (from a crash and/or blocked traffic), the Frenchman would overtake the lead. Similarly, if Hoydahl could win with Evans finishing off the podium, he would capture the crystal globe trophy. *"I wanted to win, but that [situation] was on my mind"* said Evans. *"If I'm going to risk everything to make up one place, I could lose the world cup and that's not in my favour."*

While the chances were slim - considering the strength of Evans' riding - the possibility existed for Dupouey to allow Martinez to go off the front and slow the pace in the narrow wooded singletrack. Team tactics could again propel an individual, if the conditions were right.

But opposite circumstances presented themselves today with Dupouey, the stronger Sunn-Un rider, going off the front early with **Bas Van Dooren** (NED, Be- One). Even though he seemed to slow and look back for his team-mate, Dupouey couldn't deny his own strong legs and eventually rode hard to gap his chasers by over two minutes. *"I attacked twice today,"* Dupouey said. *"First to see if Bas could follow me, then again to get a gap. I was surprised how much time I got."*

With Van Dooren flattening out, the chase group - which included Martinez, Evans, Hoydahl and **Hubert Pallhuber** (ITA, Diamondback) - was unable to reel in Dupouey who gained more and more time on the pack and calmly rode to an undisputed win. Besides, with the title on the line, it was this chase group most affected by potential points. Most of the chasers took their turn at the lead of the pack as Evans rode conservatively with Martinez to protect his season. After Pallhuber lead lap four, Martinez finally made a move in the last lap to leave his pursuers behind and ride to second place - right behind a waiting Dupouey. According to last year's title winner, he could have done even better today.

"I felt well at the end and made up almost the entire gap in the last lap," he said. *"I could have gone another lap."* According to Martinez, he felt strong all afternoon but let his team-mate capture his season's first victory. Evans was now able to ride conservatively to third place, the title secure. *"I had to expend a lot of energy today, but I'm the world cup champion,"* he said. *"Dupouey rode so strongly today. We were able to make up some time on the descents and in the singletrack, but he was stronger on the climbs."*

Asked if he was concerned with possible Sunn-Un team tactics, Evans replied *"They're both professional bike racers. I was concerned that if I ran into trouble and Dupouey heard about it, he could help Miguel. I didn't have a team-mate with me and Miguel did. And we had to chase Dupouey, because once he gets a gap, he holds it. But Miguel wasn't going to chase a team-mate down."*

Pallhuber finished both the race and season ranked fourth while Hoydahl took fifth; third for the season. Martinez's strong finish catapulted him past Hoydahl for second overall as Rune was unable to stay in the four-man chase group in the last lap.

By Ari Cheren

Men/Hommes

<i>place</i>	<i>bib</i>	<i>name/nom</i>		<i>nat</i>	<i>UCIcode</i>	<i>time/temps</i>
1	13	DUPOUEY	CHRISTOPHE	FRA	FRA19680808	2:11:09.18
2	3	MARTINEZ	MIGUEL	FRA	FRA19760117	2:11:10.65
3	1	EVANS	CADEL	AUS	AUS19770214	2:11:59.89
4	5	PALLHUBER	HUBERT	ITA	ITA19650917	2:12:15.93
5	2	HÖYDAHL	RUNE	NOR	NOR19691210	2:12:35.65
6	8	CHIOTTI	JEROME	FRA	FRA19720118	2:12:54.24
7	4	MEIRHAEGHE	FILIP	BEL	BEL19710305	2:13:21.47
8	6	FRISCHKNECHT	THOMAS	SUI	SUI19700217	2:13:29.37
9	10	VOLLET	GRÉGORY	FRA	FRA19750321	2:13:44.67
10	41	BRAMATI	LUCA	ITA	ITA19681106	2:14:16.58
11	34	PAULISSEN	ROEL	BEL	BEL19760427	2:14:39.02
12	21	ARNOULD	DOMINIQUE	FRA	FRA19661119	2:14:53.19
13	7	VAN DOOREN	BAS	NED	NED19730825	2:14:55.40
14	9	SAUSER	CHRISTOPH	SUI	SUI19760413	2:14:55.90
15	11	CRAIG	NICK	GBR	GBR19690403	2:15:00.08
16	18	AGERGAARD	JESPER	DEN	DEN19750218	2:15:32.96
17	31	JUAREZ	DAVID 'TINKER'	USA	USA19610304	2:15:39.25
18	15	TOLHOEK	PATRICK	NED	NED19650626	2:15:42.83
19	22	HERMIDA	JOSÉ ANTONIO	ESP	ESP19780824	2:16:02.35
20	52	RASMUSSEN	MICHAEL	DEN	DEN19740601	2:16:49.39
21	16	KRISTENSEN	LENNIE	DEN	DEN19680516	2:17:30.01
22	19	SHEPPARD	CHRIS	CAN	CAN19730419	2:17:31.42
23	66	WOODS	ROB	AUS	AUS19680305	2:18:47.28
24	69	GARRO	JUAN CARLOS	ESP	ESP19681117	2:19:22.97
25	29	HOCHSTRASSER	THOMAS	SUI	SUI19760713	2:19:37.52
26	44	ROWNEY	PAUL	AUS	AUS19701202	2:19:57.19
27	74	LEUCHS	KASHI	NZL	NZL19780620	2:20:17.47
28	96	GORDON	CRAIG	AUS	AUS19710207	2:20:24.12
29	62	CUTHBERTSON	IAN	GBR	GBR19740706	2:20:53.63
30	20	WABEL	BEAT	SUI	SUI19670523	2:21:01.79
31	46	BRENTJENS	BART	NED	NED19681010	2:21:02.17
32	91	BONNAND	CYRILLE	FRA	FRA19700805	2:21:02.66
33	65	GROVER	NEIL	CAN	CAN19770331	2:21:24.73
34	86	SWENSON	CARL	USA	USA19700420	2:21:56.13
35	94	BISHOP	ANDY	USA	USA19650526	2:22:15.91
36	73	WALLACE	MATT	AUS	AUS19720707	2:22:32.32
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41	59	GULLICKSON	MARC	USA	USA19680209	2:24:29.45
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43	116	PERAUD	J CHRISTOPHE	FRA	FRA19770522	2:24:43.67

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62 181	HURLEY	BILL	CAN CAN19671108 2:30:59.92
63 117	KABUSH	GEOFF	CAN CAN19770414 2:31:00.52
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66 110	SWENSON	PETER	USA USA19671025 2:31:59.99
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73 97	TOTSUI	SCHUNSUKE	JPN JPN19731117 2:37:14.55

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76 161	MOTE	LAURENCE	NZL NZL19740807 -1 LAP
77 163	WALKER	ADAM	CAN CAN19721101 -1 LAP
78 106	VAN DEN ABEELE	PETER	BEL BEL19660501 -1 LAP
79 190	RADOMSKI	RYAH	USA USA19770823 -1 LAP

80 105	BLANCO	GABRIEL	ARG ARG19790403 -2 LAPS
81 184	LI	FUYU	CHN CHN19780404 -2 LAPS

82 185	MING	ZHANG	CHN CHN19740318 -3 LAPS
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0 67	BROWN	TRAVIS	USA USA19690807 DNF
0 78	FUMIC	LADO	GER GER19760520 DNF
0 79	KALBERER	THOMAS	SUI SUI19770213 DNF
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0 104	MARQUEZ	JOSÉ	ESP ESP19760317 DNF
0 107	LARSEN	TOM	NOR NOR19720422 DNF
0 112	REIN	AXEL	GER GER19770729 DNF
0 187	HILL	DEAN	NZL NZL19781024 DNF
0 189	CORDES	PAUL	RSA RSA19770102 DNF