

Hoydahl Descends to Glory

An exciting first round of the Men's Cross County World Cup went to **Rune Hoydahl** (NOR, Giant) after an impressive display of bike handling on the intricate Napa single track.



"My bike is really good this year, I have very good suspension. I was able to stay on the bike for the entire race. It was perfect." commented Hoydahl, who spent a couple of years on the downhill circuit, but then established his reputation by winning an unprecedented five World Cup races in the 1995 season.

With six laps of the eight-kilometre course to complete, reigning World Cup Champion, **Miguel Martinez** (FRA, Sunn), attacked leader, **Lennie Kristensen** (DEN, Giant), on the rocky single track after the Disco Flyover.

Starting the second lap, Martinez had a 20 second lead from a group containing Hoydahl, Kristensen, **Christophe Herisset** (FRA, Sunn) and **Cadel Evans**. Hoydahl jumped at the

start of the climb, and the only rider who could have followed him today - Kristensen - didn't because *"I didn't want to carry Herisset and Evans up to (my team-mate) Rune."* Soon afterwards Kristensen punctured, but eventually worked his way back to an impressive eleventh place.

At the top of the climb on lap two, Hoydahl caught Martinez; almost 30 seconds clear of the chasers. In an unusual gesture of respect, Martinez waved the Norwegian past as they approached the singletrack descent. *"He is a better technical rider than me, I wanted to learn from his lines."* Said the 22 year-old. Hoydahl wasn't in an instructive mood, however, and soon was out of sight of the young Frenchman. For three laps, Martinez held Hoydahl at one minute but the last lap was one too many for him. The Norwegian finished with a lead of 3:33.



Near the line, Martinez was almost passed by a hard charging **Thomas Frischknecht** (SUI, Ritchey).

Frischknecht, who has won the World Cup three times, rode the race not far behind the leaders. On the last lap he closed down Herisset in the final three kilometres, and that was it. *"Nobody was gonna mess with Frischknecht today,"* he quipped at the finish. When asked if he thought about catching Martinez, he said, *"no, why, was he close? I had my head down the whole way and wasn't looking ahead."* Martinez finished seven seconds clear of the Frischknecht - Herisset battle. *"Yes, I was worried about being caught,"* he revealed at the end. Apart from Hoydahl's steamroller win, it was one of those races that was exciting all the way to the wire.

Statistics:

- **Course Length** - 8.04km
- **Start Loop** - 965m
- **Total Climbing** - 210m per lap
- **Average speed of winner** - 20.1km/h
- **Weather** - warm, sunny
- **Course conditions** - mainly dry, some muddy sections under trees
- **Attendance:** Weekend total 20,000 (estimated)

<i>Place</i>	<i>bib</i>	<i>Name/nom</i>		<i>Nat</i>	<i>UCICODE</i>	<i>Time/temps</i>
1	7	HÖYDAHL	RUNE	NOR	NOR19691210	2:23:35.40
2	1	MARTINEZ	MIGUEL	FRA	FRA19760117	2:27:08.38
3	22	FRISCHKNECHT	THOMAS	SUI	SUI19700217	2:27:15.32
4	23	HERISSET	CHRISTOPHE	FRA	FRA19720910	2:27:22.11
5	15	MEIRHAEGHE	FILIP	BEL	BEL19710305	2:27:58.33
6	3	EVANS	CADEL	AUS	AUS19770214	2:28:02.10
7	28	CRAIG	NICK	GBR	GBR19690403	2:28:23.13
8	83	SAUSER	CHRISTOPH	SUI	SUI19760413	2:29:31.36
9	31	VOLLET	GRÉGORY	FRA	FRA19750321	2:30:51.94
10	25	JUAREZ	DAVID 'TINKER'	USA	USA19610304	2:30:55.22
11	24	KRISTENSEN	LENNIE	DEN	DEN19680516	2:31:30.63
12	10	BRENES	ANDRES	CRC	CRC19641218	2:31:37.18
13	19	HESTLER	ANDREAS	CAN	CAN19700512	2:31:46.72
14	14	TCHERKASSOV	PAVEL	ITA	RUS19720513	2:32:21.81
15	13	BRENTJENS	BART	NED	NED19681010	2:32:43.04
16	9	CHIOTTI	JEROME	FRA	FRA19720118	2:33:00.30
17	27	ROWNEY	PAUL	AUS	AUS19701202	2:33:08.46
18	89	FONTANA	ALESSANDRO	ITA	ITA19700324	2:33:30.16
19	18	CIONI	DARIO	ITA	ITA19741202	2:33:44.04
20	26	CLARKE	BARRIE	GBR	GBR19661211	2:33:54.17
21	11	ARNOULD	DOMINIQUE	FRA	FRA19661119	2:34:42.03
22	12	BAKER	DAVID	GBR	GBR19651230	2:34:56.49
23	73	AUSTAD	HAKON	NOR	NOR19780305	2:35:00.11
24	159	BROWN	TRAVIS	USA	USA19690807	2:35:01.58
25	34	HERMIDA	JOSÉ ANTONIO	SPA	ESP19780824	2:35:08.14
26	17	BISHOP	ANDY	USA	USA19650526	2:36:00.30
27	29	GREEN	ROLAND	CAN	CAN19740729	2:36:02.25
28	179	RADOMSKI	RYAH	USA	AUS19751114	2:37:00.04
29	36	SHEPPARD	CHRIS	CAN	CAN19730419	2:37:17.01
30	78	KORINEK	RADIM	CZE	CZE19731201	2:37:32.30
31	49	PERSSON	ROGER	SWE	SWE19740601	2:37:36.89
32	139	MARTINEZ	RAPHAEL	FRA	FRA19720501	2:37:44.59
33	64	HELLER	MARCEL	SUI	SUI19740621	2:37:46.81
34	66	WEBBER	PETER	USA	USA19700301	2:37:53.58
35	57	GULLICKSON	MARC	USA	USA19680209	2:38:15.81
36	111	BERNER	RALPH	GER	GER19680328	2:38:46.70
37	32	WABEL	BEAT	SUI	SUI19670523	2:39:17.55
38	107	CEARD	CLAUDE	FRA	FRA19730316	2:39:23.82
39	20	OSTERGAARD	JAN ERIK	DEN	DEN19610220	2:39:25.09

40	132	KALBERER	THOMAS	SUI	SUI19770213	2:39:31.65
41	167	WOODS	ROB	AUS	AUS19680305	2:39:34.36
42	84	MCGRATH	SEAMUS	CAN	CAN19760305	2:39:49.86
43	81	LEZAUN	ROBERTO	ESP	ESP19670723	2:39:50.95
44	157	FLEMING	JOSH	AUS		2:40:01.97
45	35	HOCHSTRASSER	THOMAS	SUI	SUI19760713	2:40:10.56
46	80	LARSEN	STEVE	USA	USA19700313	2:40:19.72
47	44	VAN DOOREN	BAS	NED	NED19730825	2:40:20.67
48	90	LEUCHS	KASHI	NZL	NZL19780620	2:40:30.75
49	190	MALMSTEN	JOHAN	SWE	SWE19760212	2:40:37.32
50	33	GOULD	TIM	GBR	GBR19640530	2:40:43.61
51	75	WELLS	TODD	USA	USA19751225	2:40:54.34
52	37	PAULISSEN	ROEL	BEL	BEL19760427	2:40:59.91
53	136	CUTHBERTSON	IAN	GBR	GBR19740706	2:41:02.87
54	121	KURSCHAT	WOLFFRAM	GER	GER19750517	2:41:48.67
55	21	DJERNIS	HENRIK	DEN	DEN19660422	2:41:53.54
56	54	MANIN	CHRISTOPHE	FRA	FRA19660712	2:42:04.57
57	45	JUNGÄKER	ERIK	SWE	SWE19770427	2:42:12.00
58	165	POMFRET	STEVEN	GBR	GBR19710411	2:42:13.83
59	141	TOLHOEK	PATRICK	NED	NED19650626	2:42:47.40
60	114	KANKOVSKY	MARTIN	CZE	CZE19671019	2:42:59.77
61	169	RAVANEL	CÉDRIC	FRA	FRA19781126	2:43:06.54
62	61	HUMMELSIEP	DENNIS	GER	GER19750820	2:43:12.09
63	92	GREWAL	RISHI	USA	USA19670209	2:43:23.79
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66	115	WEDGE	PETER	CAN	CAN19720918	2:44:08.52
67	56	GROVER	NEIL	CAN	CAN19770331	2:44:25.71
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69	160	KABUSH	GEOFF	CAN	CAN19770414	2:45:07.04
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71	137	CROOKHAM	JASON	CAN	CAN19721121	2:45:26.48
72	105	BECKINGSALE	OLIVER	GBR	GBR19760607	2:45:53.56
73	119	COBHAM	PAUL	CAN	CAN19750618	2:46:01.50
74	189	VACHETTE	YOANN	FRA	FRA00000000	2:46:20.00
75	52	DIETSCH	THOMAS	FRA	FRA19740808	2:46:46.20
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77	110	TOULOUSE	MATHIEU	CAN	CAN19760803	2:47:11.42
78	135	SCHRIEVER	ZACH	USA	USA19771129	2:47:23.08
79	88	SWENSON	CARL	USA	USA19700420	2:47:41.96
80	102	HOLLERBACH	MARTIN	GER	GER19690806	2:47:52.22
81	103	LLOYD	NATHAN	USA	USA19691217	2:49:10.36

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96	96	GIL	DARIUSZ	POL	POL19730514	-1 LAP
97	140	KAUFKA	DAMIAN	POL	POL19760525	-1 LAP
98	116	WEEKES	CHANDLER	USA	USA19670420	-1 LAP
99	184	PARKINSON	NIGEL	GBR	GBR19730722	-1 LAP
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103	173	WENDEL	VALENTIN	SUI	SUI19760426	-2 LAP
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