

Sydor Back On Top

There was no stopping **Alison Sydor** (CAN, Volvo-Cannondale) at the opening round of the 1998 Grundig/UCI mountain bike world cup, at Skyline Park, Napa.



A modified course included more technical singletrack than last year, which suited Sydor just fine. The three-times World Champion led the field to the top of the first climb, then said farewell to her rivals as she dived into the first singletrack section. Reigning World Champion, **Paola Pezzo** (ITA, Gary Fisher), could not follow the speeding Canadian through the narrow, bumpy trails. *"I prefer it a bit less technical,"* said Pezzo.



By the end of the first lap of four, Sydor had opened a lead of 49 seconds over Pezzo. This had grown to 2:07 by the end of the race. *"I used bigger than normal tyres for the descents,"* explained Sydor, who had stepped up from a 1.9" to a 2.1" tyre width.

Sydor also explained that starting last year she was carrying a painful snowboarding injury that dogged her throughout the season. This year, starting in better health, she felt a lot fitter. The gaps between the top five riders were substantial. Pezzo finished second, and **Alison Dunlap** (USA, GT) was third, at 4:16.

According to Pezzo, this is not the way it will stay this year. *"I did not start training until February 1st, and I have not yet a lot of strength in my legs. My goal this year is the World Championships. With this form I am very happy with second place."*



Coming events:

March 29th: Elite Men / April 4-5 Downhill Round 1, Stellenbosch, South Africa / April 18-19 XC2, Silves, Algarve, Portugal.



Statistics

- **Course Length** - 8.04km
- **Start Loop** - 965m
- **Total Climbing** - 210m per lap
- **Average speed of winner** - 17.4km/h
- **Weather** - warm, sunny
- **Course conditions** - mainly dry, some muddy sections under trees

Place	bib	Name/nom		Nat	WCPTS	LAPPED	UCICODE	Time/temps
1	2	SYDOR	ALISON	CAN	75		CAN19660909	1:54:44.29
2	1	PEZZO	PAOLA	ITA	70		ITA19690108	1:56:51.51
3	5	DUNLAP	ALISON	USA	66		USA19690727	1:59:01.16
4	16	ALEXANDER	CAROLINE	GBR	62		GBR19680303	2:00:42.97
5	8	LEBOUCHER	LAURENCE	FRA	58		FRA19720222	2:01:02.88
6	11	FULLANA	MARGARITA	ESP	55		ESP19720409	2:01:33.17
7	34	JACQUES	TAMMY	USA	52		USA19650312	2:01:51.30
8	81	FLORIT-JUAREZ	JIMENA	ARG	49		ARG19720518	2:02:04.76
9	19	TEMPORELLI	SANDRA	FRA	46		FRA19690125	2:02:28.92
10	21	EPIFANOVA	ALLA	RUS	43		RUS19761202	2:02:36.03
11	14	GRIGSON	MARY	AUS	40		AUS19710603	2:02:41.19
12	116	PALMER-KOMAR	SUSAN	CAN	39		CAN19670127	2:02:48.31
13	4	MATTHES	RUTHIE	USA	38		USA19651111	2:02:53.91
14	27	HEARN	MARY	USA	37		USA19690225	2:02:56.96
15	6	TOMLINSON	LESLEY	CAN	36		CAN19591226	2:04:52.36
16	17	MCQUAID	MELANIE	CAN	35		CAN19730517	2:05:39.63
17	47	BRIGGS	MIRANDA	USA	34		USA19631026	2:06:41.53
18	12	FÜRST	SILVIA	SUI	33		SUI19610508	2:07:32.54
19	41	ELLIS	SARA	USA	32		USA19681108	2:07:53.69
20	121	QUICK	RHONDA	USA	31		USA19650705	2:08:20.85
21	39	SINCLAIR	PATRICIA	CAN	30		CAN19690202	2:08:21.12
22	33	MARSHMAN	RENE	USA	29		USA19640928	2:08:35.02
23	108	DURYEA	KATHY	USA	28		USA19631221	2:09:10.61
24	36	BRAINARD	GOLDEN	USA	27		USA19680919	2:09:17.90
25	54	LINDBERG	MADELEINE	SWE	26		SWE19720302	2:09:30.55
26	44	DORION	MELANIE	CAN	25		CAN19761119	2:09:49.37
27	23	DAHLE	GUNN-RITA	NOR	24		NOR19730210	2:10:04.42
28	69	REEVES	GRETCHEN	USA	23		USA19710927	2:10:19.71
29	119	RICHARDSON	CARMEN	USA	22		USA19670219	2:10:55.11
30	92	STREB	MARLA	USA	21		USA19650624	2:11:32.19
31	59	TROMBLEY	ANN	USA	20		USA19631122	2:12:52.81
32	20	KOBAYASHI	KANAKO	JPN	19		JPN19700524	2:13:43.58
33	80	PAULSEN	ABBY		18		USA19671225	2:14:18.88
34	102	WALLENFELS	LYNDA	GBR	17		GBR19690820	2:15:09.80
35	15	ZU PUTLITZ	HEDDA	GER	16		GER19650904	2:15:18.77
36	86	NANBU	HIROKO	JPN	15		JPN19681008	2:15:19.91
37	26	BRUNGER	TRACY	GBR	14		GBR19700608	2:15:35.34
38	109	AUGUSTIN	AUDREY	USA	13		USA19661005	2:15:39.09
39	88	KELLY	KERRY	USA	12		USA19661205	2:15:44.94

40	83	MCGILVRAY	LISA	CAN	11	CAN19730219 2:17:24.08
41	76	SMITH	KIMBERLY	USA	10	USA19680128 2:17:27.16
42	103	HALL	GINA	USA	9	USA19670101 2:18:19.39
43	7	DE NEGRI	NADIA	ITA	8	ITA19720406 2:18:31.95
44	25	ROBINSON	LOUISE	GBR	7	GBR19650121 2:19:12.37
45	48	HILL	KRISTI	USA	6	USA19671110 2:19:20.01
46	98	EGGERTSEN	TERESA	USA	5	USA19621003 2:20:03.87
47	120	WHISENHANT	SHELLY	USA	4	USA19660930 2:20:46.97
48	85	LOVEJOY	JILAYNE	USA	3	USA19710529 2:23:22.80
49	35	NAKAGOME	YUKARI	JPN	2	JPN19651030 2:24:10.69
50	57	GREENE	LESLIE	CAN	1	CAN19660715 2:25:15.86
51	107	MERBACH	ANITA	USA	0	USA19651026 2:26:30.18
52	56	CLARET	DANIELE	FRA	0	FRA19690624 2:28:04.71
53	101	FEDYNA	MARG	CAN	0	CAN19641023 2:28:34.55
54	118	CAREY	STELLA	USA	0	USA19711120 2:30:08.56
55	93	FORCINA-BARROWS	LORRAINE	USA	0 L	USA19630624 -1 LAP
56	117	JOHNSTON	JENNIFER	GBR	0 L	GBR19691125 -1 LAP
57	104	DRUMM	HELENE	USA	0 L	USA19700220 -1 LAP
0	10	REDDEN	CHRISTINA	CAN	0 R	CAN19660316 DNF
0	13	RÖSCH	NORA	GER	0 R	GER19750708 DNF
0	3	DAUCOURT	CHANTAL	SUI	0 R	SUI19660623 DNF
0	42	WILSON	KAREN	USA	0 R	USA19630227 DNF
0	9	STROPPARO	ANNABELLA	ITA	0 R	ITA19680704 DNF
0	82	WALLICK	SARAH	USA	0 R	USA19690612 DNF
0	96	LLOYD	RACHEL	USA	0 R	USA19750506 DNF
0	84	BEGY	CHRISTINA	USA	0 R	USA19700823 DNF
0	110	HEINTZMAN	ERIN	CAN	0 R	CAN19740503 DNF