



Diesel/UCI Mountain Bike World Cup - 1999

BIG BEAR, CALIFORNIA, USA - DH/DL #4 AND XC #6 - 26-27 June 1999

Van Dooren Punctures Out

The outcome of the race was decided on the final climb, a short slope only a few hundred metres from the finish. *"Christophe (Sauser) rode away from me, and he deserved the win,"* said **Cadel Evans (AUS)** who was happy to see his teammate claim his first World Cup round win, and relieved to see his main rival **Miguel Martinez (FRA)** wilt in the heat and altitude to finish 13th today. Sauser and Evans had worked together for the entire race and their team manager, *Charlie Livermore* had given no team orders about the win. *"It feels great to win a world cup race... hopefully (Cadel Evans and I) will be close on the podium until the end of the season."* Said Sauser.



But according to Cadel Evans, **Bas Van Dooren (NED)** was the strongest rider in the race. *"He was very, very, very strong on the climbs,"* admitted Evans, who thought that if the 26 years-old could have maintained the same pace after his lap-three puncture as he did before, he would have won. Although he lost around one 1'30" repairing his tube, by the top of the climb on lap five of the six-lap race, he had closed the gap to the lead duo of Evans and Sauser to 38".



Evans - Sauser

"I knew that if I didn't close the gap fast, I wouldn't close it at all. But I blew up a bit on lap five," explained Van Dooren, who finished an impressive 4th, one place behind his *Be One* teammate **Patrick Tolhoek (NED)**.

As early as lap two, Van Dooren, Evans and Sauser had escaped from the field on the punishing 3km (2.2mile) climb, using their light bodyweight to full advantage on this infernally hot day in the thin air of 2,133m (7,000 ft). 1996 world champion, **Jerome Chiotti (FRA)**, rode in fourth place until the fifth lap when Van Dooren came up from behind with Tolhoek to make the chase group three. It was this trio that got within 40" of the leaders on lap five.

But that was as close as they got. Van Dooren's drive ended there, and on the lap six climb Tolhoek rode away from him and Chiotti to claim third place, one day after his 34th

birthday. Tolhoek was formerly a promising road pro with the Buckler team. In 1989 he was named Best Young Pro in Holland, but a blocked artery interrupted his cycling career for five years until surgery two years ago removed the problem.



place	bib	name	nom	nat	t	t+
1	4	SAUSER	CHRISTOPH	SUI	2:11:19.22	0.00
2	1	EVANS	CADEL	AUS	2:11:26.75	7.53
3	47	TOLHOEK	PATRICK	NED	2:12:12.09	52.87
4	3	VAN DOOREN	BAS	NED	2:12:47.58	1:28.36
5	14	CHIOTTI	JEROME	FRA	2:13:09.64	1:50.42
6	82	OSTERGAARD	JAN ERIK	DEN	2:15:18.01	3:58.79
7	9	BRENTJENS	BART	NED	2:16:09.07	4:49.85
8	15	PAULISSEN	ROEL	BEL	2:16:28.92	5:09.70
9	19	AGERGAARD	JESPER	DEN	2:17:02.34	5:43.12
10	41	WABEL	BEAT	SUI	2:17:07.74	5:48.52
11	13	HOCHSTRASSER	THOMAS	SUI	2:17:18.87	5:59.65
12	23	HERMIDA	JOSÉ ANTONIO	ESP	2:17:27.52	6:08.30
13	2	MARTINEZ	MIGUEL	FRA	2:17:36.00	6:16.78
14	11	FRISCHKNECHT	THOMAS	SUI	2:18:01.35	6:42.13
15	54	LEUCHS	KASHI	NZL	2:18:19.30	7:00.08
16	98	KILLEN	JIMI	USA	2:18:44.36	7:25.14
17	52	MOLDAY	KIRK	USA	2:18:58.14	7:38.92
18	30	RASMUSSEN	MICHAEL	DEN	2:19:23.62	8:04.40
19	53	BRAMATI	LUCA	ITA	2:19:31.77	8:12.55
20	40	WOODS	ROB	AUS	2:19:54.02	8:34.80
21	5	MEIRHAEGHE	FILIP	BEL	2:20:18.77	8:59.55
22	25	TCHERKASSOV	PAVEL	RUS	2:20:28.08	9:08.86
23	24	MCGRATH	SEAMUS	CAN	2:20:47.75	9:28.53
24	102	DRASLER	ROK	SLO	2:21:05.11	9:45.89
25	16	ARNOULD	DOMINIQUE	FRA	2:21:29.54	10:10.32
26	12	KURCHAT	WOLFRAM	GER	2:22:01.66	10:42.44
27	18	ACQUAROLI	DARIO	ITA	2:22:02.19	10:42.97
28	31	SWENSON	CARL	USA	2:22:03.38	10:44.16
29	99	GULLICKSON	MARC	USA	2:22:16.07	10:56.85
30	118	MADRIGAL	ZIRANDA	MEX	2:22:30.25	11:11.03
31	91	SWIGGERS	JESS	USA	2:22:45.98	11:26.76
32	70	LARSEN	STEVE	USA	2:22:47.89	11:28.67
33	62	KRISTENSEN	LENNIE	DEN	2:23:11.86	11:52.64
34	49	LASENBY	PAUL	GBR	2:23:33.77	12:14.55
35	116	DECKER	CARL	USA	2:23:54.06	12:34.84
36	110	BONILLA	ADRIAN	CRC	2:24:03.19	12:43.97

37	80	BRESSER	CARSTEN	GER	2:24:27.51	13:08.29
38	21	FUMIC	LADO	GER	2:25:01.89	13:42.67
39	51	ROWNEY	PAUL	AUS	2:25:06.81	13:47.59
40	39	JUAREZ	DAVID 'TINKER'	USA	2:25:11.09	13:51.87
41	106	RADOMSKI	RYAH	USA	2:25:21.55	14:02.33
42	6	VOLLET	GRÉGORY	FRA	2:25:42.72	14:23.50
43	38	SHEPPARD	CHRIS	CAN	2:26:04.10	14:44.88
44	45	GORDON	CRAIG	AUS	2:26:05.26	14:46.04
45	32	WALLACE	MATT	AUS	2:26:55.84	15:36.62
46	89	BRENES	ANDRES	CRC	2:27:27.50	16:08.28
47	44	BINKERT	MARKUS	SUI	2:28:39.94	17:20.72
48	123	SCHERRER	BEN	USA	2:29:19.04	17:59.82
49	111	MCCAULEY	RICHARD	IRL	2:30:40.32	19:21.10
50	104	LARSEN	TOM	NOR	2:30:50.58	19:31.36
51	94	MOTE	LAURENCE	NZL	2:31:21.32	20:02.10
52	135	BARRIGA	SALVADOR	MEX	2:32:13.27	20:54.05
53	42	GREEN	ROLAND	CAN	2:32:55.25	21:36.03
54	134	TULLOUS	LEONARD	USA	2:33:39.70	22:20.48
55	105	WIENS	DAVID	USA	2:36:09.30	24:50.08
56	20	AUSTAD	HAKON	NOR	2:40:25.23	29:06.01
57	113	OLABERRIA	ANDONI	ESP	-1 LAP	
58	107	RAMIREZ	FEDERICO	CRC	-1 LAP	
59	95	TOULOUSE	MATHIEU	CAN	-1 LAP	
60	121	HELGESON	KENNETH	USA	-1 LAP	
61	117	JONES	ERIC	USA	-1 LAP	
62	28	HESTLER	ANDREAS	CAN	-1 LAP	
63	131	TOLEDO	ESTEBAN	CHI	-1 LAP	
64	97	MOESCHLER	JASON	USA	-2 LAPS	
65	130	BLANCO	GABRIEL	ARG	-2 LAPS	
66	103	GRIFFITH JONES	GWILLYM	NZL	-2 LAPS	
67	109	MITCHELL	JULIAN	NZL	-2 LAPS	
68	133	BAKER	ALDON	RSA	-2 LAPS	
69	112	CHUNG	ANDREW	NZL	-3 LAPS	
70	132	WONG	KAM-PO	HKG	-3 LAPS	
71	126	RAJBUNSHI	SHAJJAN	NEP	-3 LAPS	
0	125	OVEREND	NED	USA	DNF	
0	10	HÖYDAHL	RUNE	NOR	DNF	
0	17	LEZAUN	ROBERTO	ESP	DNF	
0	81	BISHOP	ANDY	USA	DNF	
0	50	BROWN	TRAVIS	USA	DNF	
0	90	RANDOLPH	GREG	USA	DNF	
0	26	BUI	MARCO	ITA	DNF	
0	101	BOWER	PAT	USA	DNF	
0	96	HESJEDAL	RYDER	CAN	DNF	