



## Diesel/UCI Mountain Bike World Cup - 1999

**BIG BEAR LAKE, CA - USA - xc#6 - 26-27 June 1999 - Report / Rapport** - women / femmes

### Sydor Tightens Her Grip

A win for **Alison Sydor (CAN)** over **Annabella Stropparo (ITA)** and **Caroline Alexander (GBR)** concluded an eventful race in the thin air at Snow Summit ski area, Big Bear Lake. Much of the race remained uncertain right until the finish, but important changes started taking place as early as the first full lap. After two start loops of 600m the field embarked on the first of four 8.7km (5.22mi) laps. After 3.3km of climbing leaders Sydor, **Gunn-Rita Dahle (NOR)** and Alexander arrived at the top of the course together. **Paola Pezzo (ITA)** had dropped a short distance back from the leaders and had been passed by Stropparo.

Dahle had her flat tyre on a rocky downhill section shortly after the summit. Alexander passed the Norwegian as she started the repair, but only a few metres further on Alexander had to dismount to adjust her own gear derailleur. Stropparo rode past Alexander, but Pezzo never made it that far: she went out of the race after having her rear gear cable torn out by a trackside shrub.



Alison Sydor - CAN

And so the selection was made. *"Suddenly I couldn't hear Gunn-Rita's tyres on the ground behind me. When I realised I was alone I just rode my own race, as you have to do anyway at altitude."* Sydor, the defending World Cup champion, remained in front all the way to the end and claimed her second round win of the '99 series.

Yet it might have been different. Stropparo and Alexander were riding together, and both climbing very well. At one point the duo got within 15" of Sydor. *"I told Annabella to let Alexander go past,"* explained manager **Charlie Livermore**. *"If Caroline could carry Annabella up to Alison, that's one thing, but I didn't want Annabella carrying Alexander up to Alison."* But Stropparo remained in front until the top of the climb on lap two. Alexander tried to pass her on the descent, but crashed and hit her face on a rock, finishing with a fat and bloody lip. *"It really hurt, and it dazed me. I was lying on the ground for about a minute thinking about whether or not I should continue,"* said Alexander.



Annabella Stropparo - ITA

Stropparo was quite satisfied with second place, her best result of the season. *"I felt really good on the climbs today,"* she said after the race. Dahle rode powerfully to come back to finish fourth, one place ahead of 1991 world champion, **Ruthie Matthes (USA)**.



place	bib	name	nom	nat	t	t+
1	1	SYDOR	ALISON	CAN	1:43:57.88	0.00
2	4	STROPPARO	ANNABELLA	ITA	1:44:51.12	53.24
3	10	ALEXANDER	CAROLINE	GBR	1:46:07.56	2:09.68
4	2	DAHLE	GUNN RITA	NOR	1:46:38.49	2:40.61
5	14	MATTHES	RUTHIE	USA	1:46:52.44	2:54.56
6	9	EPIFANOVA	ALLA	RUS	1:47:24.22	3:26.34
7	6	GRIGSON	MARY	AUS	1:47:48.73	3:50.85
8	13	ZU PUTLITZ	HEDDA	GER	1:48:41.64	4:43.76
9	19	DAUCOURT	CHANTAL	SUI	1:49:49.88	5:52.00
10	8	REDDEN	CHRISTINA	CAN	1:50:35.93	6:38.05
11	58	TROMBLEY	ANN	USA	1:51:12.77	7:14.89
12	3	DUNLAP	ALISON	USA	1:51:53.64	7:55.76
13	11	FLORIT-JUAREZ	JIMENA	ARG	1:51:58.59	8:00.71
14	12	BLATTER	BARBARA	SUI	1:52:04.62	8:06.74
15	78	SMITH	KIMBERLY	USA	1:52:31.46	8:33.58
16	77	AUGUSTIN	AUDREY	USA	1:52:54.29	8:56.41
17	68	MASON	LANIE	USA	1:53:43.34	9:45.46
18	91	VANLANDINGHAM	SHONNY	USA	1:53:45.37	9:47.49
19	92	QUICK	RHONDA	USA	1:54:23.67	10:25.79
20	57	LLOYD	RACHEL	USA	1:54:57.14	10:59.26
21	63	CHORNEY	AMBER	CAN	1:55:26.25	11:28.37
22	17	LEBOUCHER	LAURENCE	FRA	1:55:26.68	11:28.80
23	73	MARSHMAN	RENE	USA	1:56:01.40	12:03.52
24	18	BRAINARD	GOLDEN	USA	1:56:13.99	12:16.11
25	24	GEYSEN	HANNEKE	AUS	1:56:32.79	12:34.91
26	28	KOBAYASHI	KANAKO	JPN	1:56:41.94	12:44.06
27	31	SPITZ	SABINE	GER	1:56:57.73	12:59.85
28	71	REEVES	GRETCHEN	USA	1:57:24.38	13:26.50
29	69	RICHARDSON	CARMEN	USA	1:58:08.31	14:10.43
30	34	NAKAGOME	YUKARI	JPN	1:58:22.92	14:25.04
31	64	HEARN	MARY	USA	1:58:26.97	14:29.09
32	60	SINCLAIR	PATRICIA	CAN	1:58:27.72	14:29.84
33	15	TOMLINSON	LESLEY	CAN	1:59:11.48	15:13.60

34	29	DORLAND	CORINE	NED	1:59:30.18	15:32.30
35	30	GREEN	ERICA LYNN	RSA	1:59:57.95	16:00.07
36	40	PARKER	SADIE	NZL	2:00:30.75	16:32.87
37	70	HALL	GINA	USA	2:01:24.05	17:26.17
38	21	DORION	MELANIE	CAN	2:01:33.12	17:35.24
39	61	VINK	ELSBETH	NED	2:02:04.77	18:06.89
40	55	EGGERTSEN	TERESA	USA	2:02:19.59	18:21.71
41	27	MCQUAID	MELANIE	CAN	2:03:53.33	19:55.45
42	72	MASSON	KAREN	AUS	2:03:56.56	19:58.68
43	59	SAVAGE	LISA	NZL	2:04:40.96	20:43.08
44	26	DE NEGRI	NADIA	ITA	2:04:56.28	20:58.40
45	48	NAMBU	HIROKO	JPN	2:05:50.00	21:52.12
46	56	JERABKOVA	JANA	CZE	2:08:22.00	24:24.12
47	67	YEUNG	KA WAH ALEXAND	HKG	-1 LAP	
48	80	VAN DIJK	VANESSA	NED	-1 LAP	
49	90	BLANCO	AMELIA	DOM	-2 LAPS	
0	45	KAIN	SHARI	USA	DNF	
0	7	PEZZO	PAOLA	ITA	DNF	
0	74	PIPPIN	NIKI	USA	DNF	
0	76	WALLICK	SARAH	USA	DNF	
0	66	MOTE	ANGELA	NZL	DNF	