



Diesel/UCI Mountain Bike World Cup - 1999

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Evans Climbs Back to the Top

Australia's **Cadel Evans** laid to waste all those who would challenge him on the steep climbs of the mountains north of Madrid. The win put the '98 World Cup winner back on top of the Diesel-UCI World Cup standings.

It was a hard race that only got tougher as it progressed. The final hour was raced in steady rain, but the 25,000 Spanish cycling fans never let up cheering at the trackside as the diminutive Evans took a win of gigantic proportion. At the finish he was 3' 32" ahead of second placed **Bas Van Dooren** (NED) and 4' 04" clear of his long-time rival **Miguel Martinez** of France. Such big gaps are seldom seen in men's world cup racing these days.



Cadel Evans - AUS

The 3km climb on the 7km course was a key factor in stringing out the field. On the first lap of six the flyweight Evans bided his time while Frenchman **Ludovic Dubau** launched an attack that set him 16" clear of **Hernando Hermida** (ESP), and 23" up on Evans at the end of lap one. The Under-23 world champion, Miguel Martinez (FRA), followed in fourth place at 46", accompanied by Van Dooren, Norwegians **Rune Hoydahl** and **Haakon Austad**, and Swiss riders **Thomas Hochstrasse** and **Thomas Frischknecht**.

Dubau was still in the lead at the end of the second lap, but Evans was closing the gap and crossed the line only 7" behind. With the main climb starting shortly after the start/finish line, it would not be long before Evans caught and passed the Frenchman.

As the riders crossed the finish line at the end of lap three, The order had changed. Evans now had a lead of 30" over Dubau, Frischknecht had moved up into third, at 50", Martinez was fourth at 55", accompanied by **Dario Cioni** (ITA), while Van Dooren and Hoydahl were next across the line, at 1'11". Evans continued to extend his lead until the finish.

As the riders made their way around the fourth lap, the rain started falling. What had been a difficult descent of 2km now became treacherous. Brake performance became critical and some riders commented on the advantage disc brakes offered in the wet conditions.



Miguel Martinez - FRA

On a sharp descent 2km from the end of the lap, Frischknecht lost control at a corner and collided with a photographer standing near the track. In the ensuing crash he buckled his rear wheel and was obliged to true it in order to continue, he estimated that this took around four minutes. With a wobbly back wheel, Frischknecht remounted and had to disengage his rear brake in order to complete the race. He had just taken over second place when he crashed. At the end of the race he was 16th.

Van Dooren surged forward in the middle of the race and by the end of the fourth lap he was in fourth place. Cioni was 16" behind him and Martinez was 6" further back riding with Dubau. Martinez moved into third place on the fifth lap, and the positions remained this way until the end. Dubau and Cioni swapped positions on the final lap, and the Frenchman finished fourth.



Bas van Dooren - NED
& Rune Hoydahl - NOR

For Evans, this victory in the rain established him as the rider to beat in the early part of the season. But with two weeks until the next round, at [St Wendel](#) on 8-9 May, a lot could change.

Quotes

Cadel Evans (1st)

"This type of course suits me well... My new disc brakes were good in both the dust and the rain... When it started raining the air got cold and the course got slippery, even when dry (the ground surface) was unpredictable... On laps four and five, when I saw the gap really opening behind me I felt more confident, but in a world cup race anything can happen."

Bas Van Dooren (2nd)

"I got worried when it started raining because I had put on semi-slick tyres before the race. But it worked out well for me... The reason I missed the first and second world cup rounds was to focus on the European championships."



Cadel Evans



place	name	nom	nat	team	t	t+	points
1	EVANS	Cadel *	AUS	VOLVO/CANNONDALE	2:27:05.95		250
2	VAN DOOREN	Bas	NED	BE-ONE	2:30:37.24	3:31.28	200
3	MARTINEZ	Miguel	FRA	FULL DYNAMIX	2:31:09.62	4:03.66	170
4	DUBAU	Ludovic	FRA	TEAM SUNN	2:31:59.75	4:53.79	150
5	CIONI	Dario	ITA	MAPEI KONA	2:32:09.59	5:03.63	130
6	KURCHAT	Wolfram	GER	VW HULZFAHRZEUGE GT	2:32:21.56	5:15.61	95
7	RASMUSSEN	Michael	DEN	GARY FISHER SAAB	2:32:34.18	5:28.22	90
8	BETTIN	Mauro *	ITA	FULL DYNAMIX	2:34:28.98	7:23.02	85
9	LEZAUN	Roberto	ESP	ORBEA ZEUS VENETO	2:35:07.15	8:01.19	80
10	HOCHSTRASSER	Thomas	SUI	SCOTT ONE LIFE	2:35:21.84	8:15.89	75
11	BRENTJENS	Bart	NED	MT.DEW SPECIALIZED	2:35:37.93	8:31.98	71
12	MARQUEZ	José	ESP	MTB MARBELLA	2:35:55.90	8:49.94	67
13	SAUSER	Christoph	SUI	VOLVO CANNONDALE	2:36:09.48	9:03.53	63
14	AUSTAD	Hakon *	NOR	DBS WORLD CUP TEAM	2:36:18.88	9:12.92	62
15	HERRISSET	Christophe	FRA	TEAM SUNN	2:37:26.99	10:21.03	61
16	FRISCHKNECHT	Thomas	SUI	RITCHEY-YAHOO!	2:37:59.11	10:53.15	60
17	FRUET	Martino *	ITA	CARRARO	2:38:05.53	10:59.57	59
18	MOLDAY	Kirk	USA	TREK/VOLKSWAGEN	2:38:11.37	11:05.42	58
19	ACQUAROLI	Dario	ITA	ATB BIANCHI MARTINI	2:38:13.91	11:07.96	57
20	MEIRHAEGHE	Filip	BEL	MT DEW/SPECIALIZED	2:38:53.18	11:47.23	56
21	LEUCHS	Kashi *	NZL	SOBI/HEADSHOCK	2:39:37.99	12:32.04	55
22	GARCIA	Luis	ESP	LIBERTO MEGAMO ADIDA	2:39:54.85	12:48.89	54
23	PALLHUBER	Hubert	ITA	DIAMONDBACK	2:40:13.71	13:07.76	53
24	WALLACE	Matt	AUS	A.I.S.	2:40:38.63	13:32.67	52
25	HÖYDAHL	Rune	NOR	GIANT MOUNTAIN BIKE	2:40:46.27	13:40.31	51
26	SHEPPARD	Chris	CAN	CATERA/KLEIN	2:41:18.11	14:12.15	50
27	STAUDER	Roland	ITA	RAINER BIKE TEAM	2:41:40.20	14:34.24	49
28	AGERGAARD	Jesper	DEN	BE-ONE	2:41:51.05	14:45.09	48
29	FUMIC	Lado	GER	LFR	2:42:08.79	15:02.84	47
30	GREEN	Roland	CAN	TEAM GT INTL	2:42:18.06	15:12.11	46
31	FRECH	Frederic	FRA	SCOTT LA CLUZAS	2:42:28.16	15:22.20	45
32	SWENSON	Carl	USA	CATERA	2:42:37.95	15:32.00	44
33	BINKERT	Markus	SUI	SCOTT ONE LIFE	2:42:43.49	15:37.53	43

34	POULY	Peter *	FRA SUNN	2:42:57.17 15:51.21	42
35	GORDON	Craig	AUS SINTESI	2:42:57.89 15:51.94	41
36	BRAMATI	Luca	ITA MT DEW/SPECIALIZED	2:43:18.64 16:12.69	40
37	ZOLI	Jader	ITA DIAMONDBACK	2:43:21.72 16:15.77	39
38	CLARKE	Barrie	GBR RALEIGH	2:43:38.59 16:32.64	38
39	DJERNIS	Henrik	DEN AMERICAN EAGLE	2:43:51.09 16:45.14	37
40	PERRY	Gael	FRA ORBEA ZURICH	2:44:17.02 17:11.06	36
41	TCHERKASSOV	Pavel	RUS DIAMONDBACK	2:44:28.44 17:22.49	35
42	MCGRATH	Seamus	CAN HARO	2:44:42.97 17:37.02	34
43	WOODS	Rob	AUS A.I.S.	2:44:44.94 17:38.98	33
44	BONNE	Thomas *	DEN DEN BLÄ KURÉR	2:45:16.92 18:10.96	32
45	DE KNEGT	Gerben	NED GIANT MOUNTAIN BIKE	2:45:23.30 18:17.34	31
46	PERSSON	Roger	SWE CRESCENT	2:45:29.74 18:23.79	30
47	CEARD	Claude	FRA ATB BIANCHI MARTINI	2:45:46.34 18:40.38	29
48	LARSEN	Steve	USA STEVE LARSEN CHAMP.	2:45:51.41 18:45.45	28
49	DE PORTUGAL	Guillermo	ESP CORONAS-BH	2:45:57.59 18:51.64	27
50	VAN DEN ABEELE	Peter	BEL AMERICAN EAGLE	2:45:58.09 18:52.14	26
51	TAVELL	Philip	SWE TEAM CYCLEPRO CK	2:46:08.46 19:02.50	25
52	ABSALON	Julien *	FRA SCOTT LA CLUSAZ	2:46:21.94 19:15.98	24
53	FONTANA	Alessandro	ITA FULL DYNAMIX	2:46:29.64 19:23.68	23
54	JUNGÄKER	Erik *	SWE SCOTT ONE LIFE	2:46:41.16 19:35.20	22
55	TREVISAN	Patrick *	BEL ZURICH ORBEA	2:47:05.08 19:59.12	21
56	OSTERGAARD	Jan Erik	DEN IKO/CORRATEC	2:47:20.49 20:14.53	20
57	LASENBY	Paul	GBR MERCEDES BENZ-MARIN	2:47:27.87 20:21.91	19
58	LEON	Alberto	ESP CORONAS-BH	2:47:30.11 20:24.15	18
59	BRESSER	Carsten	GER LION-XENOFIT	2:47:47.71 20:41.75	17
60	DELAMARRE	Francois	FRA EGOBIKE	2:48:30.25 21:24.29	16
61	WEICHERT	Marc-timo	GER SCHWALBE RACING TEAM	2:48:38.34 21:32.39	15
62	ZORN	Siegfried	AUT ORV BANK AUSTRIA NAT. T.	2:48:45.79 21:39.84	14
63	HEJDUK	Stanislav *	CZE AUTHOR EXPANDIA	2:49:54.39 22:48.44	13
64	TOLHOEK	Patrick	NED BE-ONE	2:50:07.97 23:02.01	12
65	GALLE	David	BEL ZURICH ORBEA	2:50:13.71 23:07.75	11
66	BUI	Marco *	ITA FULL DYNAMIX	2:50:19.65 23:13.69	10
67	KESSIAKOFF	Fredrik *	SWE	2:50:33.81 23:27.86	9
68	DEMANGEON	Guillaume	FRA	2:51:20.22 24:14.26	8
69	JURETZEK	Hans-jurgen	GER SCHWALBE RACING TEAM	2:51:36.42 24:30.47	7
70	PETERSEN	Jorgen Bo	DEN IKO/CORRATEC	2:51:43.55 24:37.59	6
71	PRESSLAUER	Peter *	AUT ORV BANK AUSTRIA NAT. T.	2:51:44.42 24:38.46	5
72	DRASLER	Rok *	SLO FULL DYNAMIX -NOVICE	2:52:36.54 25:30.58	4
73	NAZAREJ	Jozef	SVK SK AUTHOR TRENCIN	2:52:54.11 25:48.15	3
74	BRUSCHI	Mirko	ITA DIAMONDBACK	2:53:23.29 26:17.34	2
75	BOWER	Pat *	USA FISHER U SAAB	2:54:06.22 27:00.27	1

76	RAVANEL	Cédric *	FRA EGS	2:55:19.26 28:13.30
77	TAVELLA	Igor	ITA USTARIA POSTA PEDRAC	2:59:09.13 32:03.17
78	FIGUEIREDO	Ricardo	POR MARIN Portugal	- 1 lap
79	CATTIN	Pascal	SUI SCAPIT MTB	- 1 lap
80	CARLSEN	Allan	DEN DEN BLÄ KURÉR	- 1 lap
81	GÖLZ	Marc *	GER BSE TEAM	- 1 lap
82	GOMEZ	Juan Manuel	ESP SCHWINN	- 1 lap
83	MODIN	Fredrik *	SWE TEAM CYCLERO CK	- 1 lap
84	KAGI	Christian *	SUI	- 1 lap
85	KARCZYNSKI	Marcin *	POL POLAND HAWK	- 1 lap
86	GALINSKI	Marek	POL POLAND OPTEX	- 1 lap
87	VAN DE VEN	Johan	NED DUTCH NATIONAL TEAM	- 1 lap
88	STORMO	Fredrik *	NOR DRAMMEN CK	- 1 lap
89	FLEURY	Patrick *	SUI	- 1 lap
90	HANKART	David	BEL IMMO 2020 SUNN	- 1 lap
91	ANDRADA	Julian	ESP LESAGRO	- 1 lap
92	TRUJILLO	Carlos A. *	COL BIKE HOUSE	- 1 lap
93	ORTIZ	Antonio *	ESP CORONAS-BH	- 1 lap
94	MALMSTEN	Johan	SWE TEAM CYCLEPRO CK	- 1 lap
95	ANTHES	Michael	GER ROCKY MTN/XENOFIT	- 1 lap
96	BAILLY	Franck	FRA EGS	- 1 lap
97	MANIN	Christophe	FRA AMERICAN EAGLE	- 1 lap
98	WEDGE	Peter	CAN KONA/MAPEI	- 1 lap
99	ESCHENBACH	Florian *	GER MAPEI/KONA	- 1 lap
100	STEINHAUER	Kai *	SUI	- 1 lap
101	STURGEON	Carl	GBR RALEIGH	- 1 lap
102	BUNDI	Silvio *	SUI SWISS BIKE NATL TEAM	- 1 lap
103	KNAUBERT	Matthias	AUT ORV BANK AUSTRIA NAT. T.	- 1 lap
104	BELLONI	Filippo	ITA MAPEI KONA	- 1 lap
105	GARAVITO	Diego	COL COMCEL-SPECIALIZED	- 1 lap
106	GRONBECH	Michael	DEN DEN BLÄ KURÉR	- 1 lap
107	TRUJILLO	Juan Pedro	ESP SCHWINN	- 1 lap
108	KIRCHER	Robert *	AUT ORV BANK AUSTRIA NAT. T.	- 1 lap
109	DE VRIES	Micha	NED SCOTT BENELUX	- 1 lap
110	ANE	Hugues	FRA EGOBIKE	- 1 lap
111	PIRAZZOLI	Mirko	ITA AXLEY-BUD	- 1 lap
112	HELLER	Marcel	SUI UNIVEGA-DESCENTE- SCH	- 1 lap
113	SCHÜTZ	Roger	SUI MTB CYCLETECH/POWERB	- 1 lap
114	VAN WASSENHOVE	Dirk	BEL	- 2 laps
115	COSTA	Rogério *	POR	- 2 laps
116	SYNE	Lionel	BEL	- 2 laps

117	THACKERY	Richard	GBR PACE RACING PACE SAT	- 2 laps
118	ARJONA	Mario	ESP LESAGRO	- 2 laps
119	O'CALLAHAN	William *	GBR GREAT BRITAIN	- 2 laps
120	MOESCHLER	Jason *	USA FISHER U SAAB	- 2 laps
121	HANISCH	Marc	GER TEAM BIANCHI	- 2 laps
122	GERKEN	Matt *	USA TEAM GT	- 2 laps
123	MÜLLER	Christoph	GER H+H	- 2 laps
124	GIL	Dariusz	POL POLAND HAWK	- 2 laps
125	BOUTIN	Thomas *	FRA EGOBIKE	- 2 laps
126	FERREIRA	Valerio *	POR	- 3 laps
	VOLLET	Grégory	FRA ATB BIANCHI MARTINI	DNF
	CHIOTTI	Jerome	FRA TEAM GT	DNF
	DUPOUEY	Christophe	FRA TEAM SUNN	DNF
	HERMIDA	José Antonio *	ESP SCOTT ONE LIFE	DNF
	ARNOULD	Dominique	FRA GIANT MOUNTAIN BIKE	DNF
	JUAREZ	David 'tinker'	USA VOLVO/CANNONDALE	DNF
	HESTLER	Andreas	CAN RLX POLO SPORT	DNF
	ROWNEY	Paul	AUS HARO	DNF
	BERNER	Ralph	GER HAWK	DNF
	CUTHBERTSON	Ian	GBR GREAT BRITIAN	DNF
	CRAIG	Nick	GBR GREAT BRITIAN	DNF
	WABEL	Beat	SUI K2 PROFLEX	DNF
	BECKINGSALE	Oliver	GBR GREAT BRITAIN	DNF
	ORCEL	David	FRA ATB BIANCHI MARTINI	DNF
	JEZEK	Vaclav *	CZE AUTHOR EXPANDIA	DNF
	BISHOP	Andy	USA FISHER SAAB	DNF
	GARRO	Juan Carlos	ESP LIBERTO MEGAMO ADIDA	DNF
	STÖCKLI	Lukas	SUI UNIVEGA-DESCENTE- SHO	DNF
	VACHETTE	Yohann *	FRA GIANT MOUNTAIN BIKE	DNF
	MARTINEZ	Raphael	FRA DIAMONDBACK	DNF
	SWIGGERS	Jess *	USA FISHER U SAAB	DNF
	KLUGE	Mike	GER FOCUS	DNF
	NOTARIO FERNANDE	Javier	ESP CORONAS-BH	DNF
	GROVER	Neil *	CAN ROCKY MOUNTAIN	DNF
	HESJEDAL	Ryder *	CAN FISHER/SAAB U	DNF
	SEYMOUR	Robin	IRL	DNF
	POMFRET	Steven	GBR GREAT BRITIAN	DNF
	STICHA	Pavel	CZE AUTHOR EXPANDIA	DNF
	BRENES	Andres	CRC RITCHEY-YAHOO!	DNF
	SAVIGNONI	Jean- christoph	FRA ORBEA ZURICK	DNF
	CHECUZ	Alessandro	ITA SCOTT RACING TEAM	DNF

TOULOUSE	Mathieu	CAN TEAM FORD DEVINCI	DNF
WEEVERS	Jan	NED GIANT MOUNTAIN BIKE	DNF
WALKER	Adam	CAN GENERAL MOTORS- ROCKY	DNF
SCHWEDLER	Jens	GER STEVENS-JEANTEX	DNF
VAN DEN DRIESSCH	Jurgen *	BEL	DNF
KAISER	Andrzej *	POL POLAND OPTEX	DNF
RIERA	Jordi *	ESP SUNN	DNF
OLABERRIA	Andoni	ESP ORBEA ZEUS VENETO	DNF
GANDER	Roland	SUI SCAPIN MTB	DNF
JULIEN	Fabrice	FRA ORBEA-ZEUS-VENETO	DNF
HUMMELSIEP	Dennis	GER H + H	DNF
FERNANDEZ	Igor	ESP ORBEA ZEUS VENETO	DNF
KRALER	Martin	AUT ORV BANK AUSTRIA NAT. T.	DNF
WÖLK	Timo *	GER STEVENS-JEANTEX	DNF
MENDE	Matthias *	GER STEVENS-JEANTEX	DNF
WILKINSON	Ian *	GBR GREAT BRITAIN	DNF
URDIAIN	Jose Luis	ESP ORBEA ZEUS ZURICH	DNF
OCAÑA	Fernando	ESP CORONAS-BH	DNF
HESELING	Marcel *	NED	DNF
MOUREU	Gabriel	ITA FULL DYNAMIX	DNF
MARQUETTE	Olivier	BEL SUNN JMM02020	DNF
BAXTER	Elliot *	GBR RALEIGH	DNF
LARSSON	Gustav *	SWE	DNF
FAISCO	Antonio	POR TEM MARIN	DNF
MCCAULEY	Richard	IRL	DNS
GISBERT LABARTA	Marti *	ESP KASTLE-BIKEHOUSE	DNS