



Diesel/UCI Mountain Bike World Cup - 1999

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Martinez Starts Supreme

In his first World Cup race as a full Senior, the Under-23 world champion **Miguel Martinez (FRA)** blasted off the front of the lead group and set himself up as the rider to beat this year.

Race Summary

Miguel Martinez started the season at his devastating best. He waited until lap two and then attacked on the intricate single-track downhill after the Disco Flyover. **Jerome Chiotti (FRA)**, **Bas Van Dooren (NED)**, **Rune Hoydahl (NOR)**, and **Cadel Evans (AUS)** were the closest riders to Martinez, but none were able to counter his move.



Napa, 28 April, 1999. Men's start

On the fifth lap, Evans got away from his group containing Chiotti and **Gregory Vollet (FRA)**, and closed the gap to Martinez from 45 to 20 seconds, but Martinez responded and finished with a margin of one minute. Vollet took third place after fending off Chiotti. Hoydahl, who had bent his rear derailleur on lap two and had had to dismount occasionally to repair it, made a big effort late in the race and moved up from sixth to fourth place.

Chiotti, the 1996 world champion, led the race on the second lap, and was in the lead at the time Martinez attacked.

On lap three, the 4.1km Calistoga Climb thinned the field, and passing over the Disco Flyover, after 1km of descending, Martinez was 15 seconds clear of Evans and Chiotti; Van Dooren and **Dario Cioni (ITA)** followed at 35 seconds; Vollet, world champion **Christophe Dupouey (FRA)**, Hoydahl and **Filip Meirhaeghe (BEL)** were at 45 seconds.

Dupouey then punctured shortly before this point on the fourth lap, and after losing 1min 53sec with the tube change finished 19th.

Vollet moved up to join Evans and Chiotti near the end of the third lap, which prompted Evans to attack on Calistoga Climb. By the top of the climb Evans and Vollet were 8 seconds clear of Chiotti.

Evans then attacked Vollet on the descent and a lap later was 12 seconds clear. Evans continued his push and looked likely to catch Martinez, but the Frenchman had sufficient energy to conserve his lead.



Miguel Martinez out in front, climbing away from the Shimano Disco Flyover

Vollet held off a late challenge by Chiotti and finished third, the best result of his career to date.

Early withdrawals from the race were Thomas Frischknecht (SUI), who retired on lap one apparently because of an upset stomach, and 1997 world champion, Hubert Palluber (ITA) who went out with a broken rear derailleur on the second lap. Michael Rasmussen (DEN) completed the first lap in second place but then retired from the race, reason unknown.



*Rune Hoydahl(NOR)
dismounts to adjust his bent rear gear mechanism.
Also in shot: (left to right)
Tinker Juarez(USA), Cadel Evans (AUS), Gregory Vollet(FRA)
and Dario Cioni (ITA)*

Miguel Martinez, 1st

- "I am very, very, very happy to win today... I attacked when I saw Chiotti was looking a bit tired and was slow on the descent... I got nervous when Evans was chasing me, because I thought he might catch up... (Asked if tired) No, not really."

Cadel Evans, 2nd

- "I have to be happy with this result. Miguel was so good today, what can you do about it?... I read an article saying last year's world championships was a bit like a French national championships, so when I found myself riding with Vollet and Chiotti, with Martinez in the lead, I decided I'd better attack - I didn't want that to happen again!"

Gregory Vollet, 3rd

- "There was a big group at the start and I decided to wait before riding hard. It's the first race of the season and I didn't really know how I felt. In the middle of the race I felt really good and so I attacked and caught up Cadel Evans and Jermone Chiotti. I was a bit cautious on the descents today because of the risk of a puncture or a mechanical problem. One accident can finish the race."



The enthusiastic crowd at Napa applauds the top five men

Results / Résultats - men / hommes

<i>place</i>	<i>bib</i>	<i>name</i>	<i>nom</i>	<i>nat</i>	<i>points</i>	<i>time</i>	<i>t+</i>
1	2	MARTINEZ	MIGUEL	FRA	250	2:27:44.74	0.00
2	1	EVANS	CADEL	AUS	200	2:28:44.63	59.89
3	10	VOLLET	GRÉGORY	FRA	170	2:29:44.97	2:00.23
4	3	HÖYDAHL	RUNE	NOR	150	2:30:04.61	2:19.87
5	8	CHIOTTI	JEROME	FRA	130	2:30:31.06	2:46.32
6	7	VAN DOOREN	BAS	NED	95	2:31:02.06	3:17.32
7	19	HERMIDA	JOSÉ ANTONIO	ESP	90	2:32:27.14	4:42.40
8	9	SAUSER	CHRISTOPH	SUI	85	2:32:59.24	5:14.50
9	16	KRISTENSEN	LENNIE	DEN	80	2:33:25.53	5:40.79
10	18	ARNOULD	DOMINIQUE	FRA	75	2:34:09.61	6:24.87
11	5	MEIRHAEGHE	FILIP	BEL	71	2:34:47.50	7:02.76
12	41	CIONI	DARIO	ITA	67	2:35:08.14	7:23.40
13	44	DUBAU	LUDOVIC	FRA	63	2:35:27.95	7:43.21
14	54	MCGRATH	SEAMUS	CAN	62	2:35:44.18	7:59.44
15	24	HOCHSTRASSER	THOMAS	SUI	61	2:36:22.38	8:37.64
16	70	KURCHAT	WOLFRAM	GER	60	2:36:42.29	8:57.55
17	12	CRAIG	NICK	GBR	59	2:36:59.55	9:14.81
18	30	AUSTAD	HAKON	NOR	58	2:37:22.50	9:37.76
19	11	DUPOUEY	CHRISTOPHE	FRA	57	2:37:26.66	9:41.92
20	106	BUI	MARCO	ITA	56	2:37:33.25	9:48.51
21	17	SHEPPARD	CHRIS	CAN	55	2:38:00.53	10:15.79
22	36	BRENTJENS	BART	NED	54	2:38:03.74	10:19.00
23	64	WALLACE	MATT	AUS	53	2:38:08.35	10:23.61
24	23	JUAREZ	DAVID 'TINKER'	USA	52	2:38:21.78	10:37.04
25	20	WABEL	BEAT	SUI	51	2:39:17.92	11:33.18
26	73	BROWN	TRAVIS	USA	50	2:39:29.96	11:45.22
27	25	PAULISSEN	ROEL	BEL	49	2:39:30.21	11:45.47
28	15	AGERGAARD	JESPER	DEN	48	2:39:30.62	11:45.88
29	67	BECKINGSALE	OLIVER	GBR	47	2:39:53.01	12:08.27
30	69	ORCEL	DAVID	FRA	46	2:40:03.80	12:19.06
31	85	LEZAUN	ROBERTO	ESP	45	2:40:36.08	12:51.34
32	14	TCHERKASSOV	PAVEL	RUS	44	2:40:43.19	12:58.45
33	43	HESTLER	ANDREAS	CAN	43	2:40:48.04	13:03.30
34	80	BISHOP	ANDY	USA	42	2:40:55.54	13:10.80
35	45	BERNER	RALPH	GER	41	2:41:28.59	13:43.85
36	66	GREEN	ROLAND	CAN	40	2:41:29.89	13:45.15
37	34	KORINEK	RADIM	CZE	39	2:41:39.57	13:54.83
38	57	GARRO	JUAN CARLOS	ESP	38	2:41:40.75	13:56.01
39	38	STÖCKLI	LUKAS	SUI	37	2:41:45.39	14:00.65
40	82	FUMIC	LADO	GER	36	2:41:54.86	14:10.12
41	51	GARCIA	LUIS	ESP	35	2:42:13.17	14:28.43

42	21	LARSEN	STEVE	USA	34 2:42:15.90 14:31.16
43	127	BETTIN	MAURO	ITA	33 2:42:17.04 14:32.30
44	121	VACHETTE	YOHANN	FRA	32 2:42:19.46 14:34.72
45	50	FRUET	MARTINO	ITA	31 2:42:48.93 15:04.19
46	96	VAN DEN ABEELE	PETER	BEL	30 2:42:55.68 15:10.94
47	46	FONTANA	ALESSANDRO	ITA	29 2:43:14.18 15:29.44
48	35	ROWNEY	PAUL	AUS	28 2:43:21.32 15:36.58
49	133	RANDOLPH	GREG	USA	27 2:43:33.50 15:48.76
50	71	JUNGÄKER	ERIK	SWE	26 2:43:45.49 16:00.75
51	186	LASENBY	PAUL	GBR	25 2:43:56.98 16:12.24
52	52	CUTHBERTSON	IAN	GBR	24 2:44:04.24 16:19.50
53	99	MADRIGAL	ZIRANDA	MEX	23 2:44:24.26 16:39.52
54	74	SWENSON	CARL	USA	22 2:44:44.99 17:00.25
55	22	OSTERGAARD	JAN ERIK	DEN	21 2:44:51.93 17:07.19
56	59	GROVER	NEIL	CAN	20 2:45:00.69 17:15.95
57	98	CEARD	CLAUDE	FRA	19 2:45:56.04 18:11.30
58	118	TOURVILLE	ERIC	CAN	18 2:45:59.74 18:15.00
59	33	CLARKE	BARRIE	GBR	17 2:46:16.89 18:32.15
60	93	KABUSH	GEOFF	CAN	16 2:46:28.03 18:43.29
61	68	HERISSET	CHRISTOPHE	FRA	15 2:46:38.72 18:53.98
62	103	SEYMOUR	ROBIN	IRL	14 2:47:23.15 19:38.41
63	102	JEZEK	VACLAV	CZE	13 2:47:30.93 19:46.19
64	100	BARENYI	MILAN	SVK	12 2:47:36.49 19:51.75
65	88	KILLEN	JIMI	USA	11 2:47:38.56 19:53.82
66	29	MARTINEZ	RAPHAEL	FRA	10 2:47:56.96 20:12.22
67	104	GALLE	DAVID	BEL	9 2:48:03.10 20:18.36
68	56	GULLICKSON	MARC	USA	8 2:48:10.07 20:25.33
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73	48	ACQUAROLI	DARIO	ITA	3 2:49:28.81 21:44.07
74	112	TREVISAN	PATRICK	BEL	2 2:50:00.45 22:15.71
75	109	STICHA	PAVEL	CZE	1 2:50:04.70 22:19.96
76	27	DJERNIS	HENRIK	DEN	0 2:50:09.58 22:24.84
77	37	SAVIGNONI	JEAN-CHRISTOPH	FRA	0 2:50:49.07 23:04.33
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86	115	WALKER	ADAM	CAN	0 2:55:11.45 27:26.71

87	92	WIENS	DAVID	USA	0	2:55:45.84	28:01.10
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90	111	DECORE	MATT	CAN	0	-1 LAP	
98	108	VISSER	GEORGE	CAN	0	-1 LAP	
94	120	ERIKSSON	KIM	SWE	0	-1 LAP	
101	95	BLANCO	GABRIEL	ARG	0	-1 LAP	
93	153	BARRIGA	SALVADOR	MEX	0	-1 LAP	
97	53	FLEMING	JOSH	AUS	0	-1 LAP	
91	107	SCHNYDER	RUEDI	CAN	0	-1 LAP	
92	161	BOWER	PAT	USA	0	-1 LAP	
95	119	MOESCHLER	JASON	USA	0	-1 LAP	
99	140	FRIEDE	JAROMIR	CZE	0	-1 LAP	
100	151	CHARREYRE	EMMANUEL	FRA	0	-1 LAP	
96	138	HESJEDAL	RYDER	CAN	0	-1 LAP	
89	182	GÖTZE	HOLGER	GER	0	-1 LAP	
105	94	MARQUEZ	JOSÉ	ESP	0	-2 LAPS	
102	89	TOTSUI	SCHUNSUKE	JPN	0	-2 LAPS	
103	168	DAN	TAKUMA	JPN	0	-2 LAPS	
106	144	MCNAMARA	PHILIP	IRL	0	-2 LAPS	
107	184	RAJBUNSHI	SHAJJAN	NEP	0	-2 LAPS	
104	185	PARKINSON	NIGEL	GBR	0	-2 LAPS	
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0	130	LANDIS	FLOYD	USA	0	DNF	
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