

## Tissot/UCI Mountain Bike World Cup - 2000 - Coupe du Monde MTB

**XC #7 - Canmore, CAN - 8-9.7.2000**

### Blatter and Evans Repeat Wins at World Cup Round Seven



One week after winning round six in the Canadian Province of Quebec, **Barbara Blatter** (SUI, Scott USA) and **Cadel Evans** (AUS, Volvo-Cannondale) repeated their stellar form to win the penultimate round seven in Alberta. Racing in cool and dry conditions in the spectacular Canadian Rockies, the Tissot-UCI Mountain Bike World Cup prepared for its final showdown in Switzerland in September with a small but powerful field of riders in Canmore.

Number-two ranked Barbara Blatter (SUI, Scott USA) took the lead of the women's four-lap race Sunday morning, after she and **Alison Sydor** (CAN, Volvo-Cannondale) built a quick gap in the first lap. Sydor actually overtook the lead in lap one, out-descending Blatter on the steep wooded drops, but Blatter was too strong on the many long climbs and used them to build up a gap of 25 seconds within two laps and finish 42 seconds clear. She won not only the race, but the overall series lead as well.

*"I'm in really good shape right now," said Blatter after her win. "I need to work on my descending though! I just did my race and won - I enjoyed the climbs, and want to keep up my fitness level the rest of the*

*season, since the finals are at my home."*

While Sydor chased Blatter, fueled by the loud cheers of thousands of spectators who lined the long figure-eight course, Volvo-Cannondale teammate **Alla Epifanova** (RUS) rode in third position the first half of the race before catching Sydor in lap three. The two then teamed up and rode the remainder of the race together, until the final lap when Sydor rolled to the finish just ahead of her teammate.

*"Alla was riding really well today, so we rode together," said Sydor about her teammate. "We came together about half way through the race - she had her head down so we didn't say much to each other, but I knew it was important for her to get points for her national team and I wanted the world cup points."*

*"It helps a lot to work as a team," agreed Epifanova. "We worked like a team, and I liked the course. This race and the European championships are for Olympic selection, so the points are important."*

**Chrissy Redden** (CAN, Gary Fisher/Saab) rode in 4th position the entire race, as the top four positions remained mostly unchanged after the opening minutes. But in 5th and 6th positions, **Jimena Florit** (ARG, RLX Polo Sport) battled with overall leader **Alison Dunlap** (USA, Team GT) until lap three when Dunlap overtook the 5th position for good. Florit ended up in 6th with her best-ever world cup finish, while Dunlap's 5th place finish lost the leader's jersey to Blatter.

Blatter's finish moved her to the lead of the world cup series, as she won her season's third race and looks forward to the finals in her home country of Switzerland where she hopes to wrap up the overall. Dunlap may not attend those finals, as she plans to race two European road races in preparation for the Olympic games.

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Rank	Bib	UCI Code	Surname	Firstname	Team	Time
1	2	SUI19701222	BLATTER	Barbara	SCOTT USA	1:55:41
2	4	CAN19660909	SYDOR	Alison	VOLVO CANNONDALE	1:56:23
3	11	RUS19761202	EPIFANOVA	Alla	VOLVO CANNONDALE	1:56:25
4	7	CAN19660316	REDDEN	Christina	GARY FISHER SAAB	1:57:14
5	1	USA19690727	DUNLAP	Alison	TEAM GT	1:57:59
6	71	ARG19720518	FLORIT	Jimena	RLX POLO SPORT	1:58:12
7	10	FRA19691106	VILLENEUVE	Sophie	EGOBIKE/CAMELBACK	1:59:02
8	6	NED19730630	DORLAND	Corine	BE-ONE TEAM	1:59:38
9	9	USA19651111	MATTHES	Ruthie	TREK/VOLKSWAGEN	2:01:25
10	12	USA19631122	TROMBLEY	Ann	KOULIUS ZAARD	2:01:41
11	34	RUS19771110	IAGOUPOVA	Irina	MERIDA-KOSTYA	2:01:58
12	8	SUI19660623	DAUCOURT	Chantal	TREK/VOLKSWAGEN	2:02:46
13	13	GER19680826	MARUNDE	Regina	FOCUS	2:03:09
14	26	CAN19690205	SINCLAIR	Patricia	MARIN	2:05:43
15	49	USA19710927	REEVES	Gretchen	CANE CREEK	2:06:03
16	54	CAN19771024	PREMONT	Marie-helene	ORYX-PROCYLE	2:06:40
17	18	AUS19761216	BAYLIS	Anna	CANNONDALE AUSTRALIA	2:07:38
18	24	CAN19591226	TOMLINSON	Lesley	RLX POLO SPORT	2:07:56
19	55	CAN19750129	CHORNEY	Amber	TEAM FORD-DEVINCI	2:08:17
20	57	USA19670219	RICHARDSON	Carmen	SOBE/HEADSHOK	2:08:20
21	52	JPN19651030	NAKAGOME	Yukari	MIYATA SUBARU	2:08:41
22	64	CAN19751112	BISARO	Kiara	TREK (CANADA)	2:08:53
23	61	CAN19690812	PLATT	Christine	ROCKY MTN BICYCLES	2:10:08
24	70	CAN19730517	MCQUAID	Melanie		2:11:04
25	62	CAN19750223	TOWNSEND	Claire	ROCKY MTN BICYCLES	2:11:49
26	19	USA19661005	AUGUSTIN	Audrey	KOULIUS ZAARD	2:12:04
27	43	USA19670101	HALL	Gina	KOULIUS ZAARD	2:12:55
28	47	JPN19700524	KOBAYASHI	Kanako	A&F	2:14:36
29	25	USA19641117	KAIN	Shari	RLX POLO SPORT	2:14:52
30	59	CAN19661210	ROBICHAUD	Linda	BASIC SPORTS NUTRITI	2:15:24
31	63	CAN19771122	CHORNEY	Eron	ROCKY MTN BICYCLES	2:16:09
32	58	CAN19660715	GREENE	Leslie	GT CANADA	2:18:09
33	56	USA19621003	EGGERTSEN	Teresa	MICRO/SUPREME/X-MEN	2:18:18
34	66	CAN19720313	SCHEIBER	Michelle	COVE BIKE SHOP	2:25:12
35	35	USA19650705	QUICK	Rhonda		2:27:46
36	68	CAN19710127	BUTLER	Amanda	ROCKY MTN BICYCLES	- 1 lap
37	67	CAN19750313	DANSEREAU	Marnie	UNLIMITED	- 2 laps
38	69	CAN19760229	BERGEN	Andrea	JAVA CYCLE	- 2 laps
39	44	USA19771212	KOERBER	Willow	CANE CREEK	- 3 laps