



## Tissot/UCI Mountain Bike World Cup - 2000 - Coupe du Monde MTB XC #1 - NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, USA - 25/26 MARCH

### Alison Sydor Returns To Top With Win in Mazatlan

Three-time World Champion and three-time World Cup champion **Alison Sydor** (CAN, Volvo-Cannondale) demonstrated again why she is one of the sport's most enduring and consistent racers when she won round two of the *Tissot-UCI Mountain Bike World Cup* in Mazatlan, Mexico. **Alison Dunlap** (USA, Team GT) finished second for the second week in a row, while **Laurence Leboucher** (FRA, GT) finished third.

Thousands of enthusiastic fans and dry, dusty conditions served as the backdrop for Sunday morning's race, when Sydor made an early attack off the front of her five-lap event and never looked back. With long sections of technical singletrack that kept passing opportunities to a minimum, Sydor said she wanted to be the first rider up the climbs. As it turned out, she was first up the climbs as well as the descents.

Dunlap rode the first lap in 3rd position before moving past **Chrissy Redden** (CAN, Gary Fisher/Saab) in lap three. Redden rode a strong first half of the race, but faded in the fifth and final lap to finish 4th. While Dunlap chased hard in second position for the second week in a row, she couldn't catch the leader on Mazatlan's twisting course, which are perfect conditions for the veteran Sydor.



Alison Dunlap - USA

Dunlap did hold off the rest of the field, which also included a late surge by 1998 World Champion and teammate Laurence Leboucher (FRA, GT). Leboucher, who says she hasn't had a top-three finish since then, moved up from 5th position in the first four laps before passing Redden in the final lap.

Last week's winner **Mary Grigson** (AUS, Gary Fisher/Saab) finished 5th for the day in a steady effort. Women raced at 10:30 a.m., and the men at 1:30 p.m. - [see separate report](#).

This is the first time the UCI world cup has been held in Latin America, and Sunday's race brought out thousands of fans to the desert-scape racecourse. Women raced five laps of 6.6 kilometres each, plus a 600-metre start loop. Elevation change was approximately 80 metres and track conditions were dusty and loose – with extensive singletrack. Weather was overcast and warm at the venue which is 8km from Mazatlan's center and adjacent to the Pacific Ocean.

With her win in round two, combined with her third place in round one, Alison Sydor takes the lead in the overall world cup standings, just 20 points ahead of second-place Dunlap.

*Quoted:*

*1st Place – Alison Sydor:*

*"I just wanted to be in the lead on all the climbs and be able to make up times on the descents as well. It's a perfect course for me – it requires a good start, and I've always had a good first lap. Plus it was technical, with all the loose sand and twisting singletrack and I could get an advantage without putting out any extra*

energy."

*"I knew that with two strong GT riders and two Gary Fisher riders, it could come down to tactics. And my best tactic is to take the lead from the start. But it was totally an individual effort today. It was a hard couple hours, because there was no place to rest. I felt like I was out of the saddle sprinting for an hour and a half of the two hours. On the last lap I rode carefully, to make sure I didn't get any flat tires. I've been racing for a long time, and have a good feeling for what my limits are."*

**2nd Place - Alison Dunlap:**

*"I wanted to stay smooth on the descents and not crash, and this is great to get second place. This is a hard course, and I rode so much better than last week – I feel better. I went as hard as I could, but I didn't want to blow, because I knew it would be a long race."*

**3rd Place – Laurence Leboucher:**

*"I didn't think I would get third today, because I didn't have a good feeling early. So I'm very happy, because it's two years since I've been top three [since the 1998 World Championships in Mont Sainte-Anne] and I'm coming back to form soon I think. If you told me that I would be top-three today, I would not have believed you!"*

Ari Cheren



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1	3	CAN19660909	SYDOR	Alison	CAN	VOLVO/CANNONDALE	1:55:06
2	2	USA19690727	DUNLAP	Alison	USA	TEAM GT	1:56:39
3	6	FRA19720222	LEBOUCHER	Laurence	FRA	TEAM GT	1:56:56
4	5	CAN19660316	REDDEN	Christina	CAN	GARY FISHER/SAAB	1:57:07
5	1	AUS19730603	GRIGSON	Mary	AUS	GARY FISHER/SAAB	1:58:46
6	7	SUI19701222	BLATTER	Barbara	SUI	SCOTT USA	1:58:53
7	26	RUS19761202	EPIFANOVA	Alla	RUS	VOLVO/CANNONDALE	1:59:06
8	12	USA19651111	MATTHES	Ruthie	USA	TREK/VOLKSWAGEN	2:00:47
9	11	SUI19660623	DAUCOURT	Chantal	SUI	TREK/VOLKSWAGEN	2:01:11
10	13	GER19650904	ZU PUTLITZ	Hedda	GER	BE-ONE TEAM	2:01:43
11	30	FRA19691106	VILLENEUVE	Sophie	FRA	EGOBIKE/CAMELBACK	2:02:04
12	18	GBR19700608	BRUNGER	Tracy	GBR	GREAT BRITAIN	2:02:17
13	8	NED19730630	DORLAND	Corine	NED	BE-ONE TEAM	2:02:50
14	16	USA19631122	TROMBLEY	Ann	USA	KOULIUS ZAARD	2:02:56
15	9	FRA19690125	TEMPORELLI	Sandra	FRA	LOOK/LA POSTE	2:03:30
16	14	GER19711221	SPITZ	Sabine	GER	MERIDA	2:03:30
17	31	ITA19680704	STROPPARO	Annabella	ITA	VOLVO/CANNONDALE	2:03:44
18	34	GBR19650112	ROBINSON	Louise	GBR	STOURBRIDGE CC	2:03:47
19	35	AUS19770730	GEYSEN	Hanneke	AUS	BE-ONE/AIS	2:03:58
20	45	RUS19771110	IAGOUPOVA	Irina	RUS	RUSSIA MERIDA	2:04:05
21	62	GER19680826	MARUNDE	Regina	GER	FOCUS	2:04:26
22	20	USA19641117	KAIN	Shari	USA	RLX POLO SPORT	2:05:04
23	23	USA19750506	LLOYD	Rachel	USA	USA CYCLING	2:05:37
24	19	CAN19761119	DORION	Melanie	CAN	TEAM FORD-DEVINCI	2:06:30
25	27	USA19680128	SMITH	Kimberley	USA	SOBE HEADSHOK	2:06:31
26	41	AUS19761216	BAYLIS	Anna	AUS	CANNONDALE AUSTRALIA	2:06:36
27	63	GER19720512	WEISS	Helga	GER	ROTHAUS-STORCK	2:07:03
28	28	USA19690529	VANLANDINGHAM	Shonny	USA	SOBE HEADSHOK	2:07:45
29	22	CAN19690205	SINCLAIR	Patricia	CAN	MARIN	2:07:47
30	25	USA19661005	AUGUSTIN	Audrey	USA	KOULIUS ZAARD	2:07:48
31	44	RSA19700925	GREEN	Erica	RSA	GT	2:07:50
32	37	USA19771212	KOERBER	Willow	USA	CANE CREEK	2:08:12
33	56	CAN19771024	PREMONT	Marie-helene	CAN	ORYX	2:09:02
34	15	ARG19720518	FLORIT	Jimena	ARG	RLX/POLO SPORT	2:09:25
35	21	SUI19691014	HENZI	Petra	SUI	FISHER K2	2:09:45
36	50	BEL19641010	LAROY	Lory	BEL	EQUIPE NAT Belgique	2:09:55
37	17	CAN19591226	TOMLINSON	Lesley	CAN	RLX POLO SPORT	2:10:14
38	49	USA19670101	HALL	Gina	USA	KOULIUS ZAARD	2:10:17
39	32	USA19710927	REEVES	Gretchen	USA	CANE CREEK	2:10:33
40	38	AUS19761002	FRANKE	Dellys	AUS	MERIDA AUSTRALIA	2:11:23
41	24	SWE19701227	JONSSON	Annica	SWE	CYCLEPRO	2:11:27
42	59	GER19670901	JÜNGST	Birgit	GER	SCOTT-POLAR-RACING-T	2:11:30
43	51	USA19670219	RICHARDSON	Carmen	USA	SOBE HEADSHOK	2:11:43
44	61	USA19690807	MASON	Lanie	USA	CANE CREEK	2:11:48
45	64	AUS19680503	MASSON	Karen	AUS	GARY FISHER	2:12:13
46	40	JPN19700524	KOBAYASHI	Kanako	JPN	A&F	2:12:26
47	36	USA19650705	QUICK	Rhonda	USA	JAMBAJUICE	2:14:30
48	48	NZL19690329	PARKER	Sadie	NZL	NZMBA	2:15:04
49	67	MEX19701115	MUNOZ	Carisa	MEX	TURBO	2:15:17
50	60	SUI19640723	GASSMANN	Daniela	SUI		- 1 lap
51	54	GER19750626	HELMKE	Katrin	GER	VAN HACHT TEAM	- 1 lap
52	57	GBR19760402	PICKETT	Rachel	GBR	HELLY HANSON/GIANT/M	- 2 laps

<b>53</b>	65	MEX19690208	CISNEROS	Gloria	MEX	PEDAL Y FIBRA	- 2 laps
<b>54</b>	68	MEX19690402	LOPEZ	Sonia	MEX	BENOTTO	- 2 laps
<b>55</b>	71	MEX19780308	SORIANO	Gisel	MEX	RUDINA	- 3 laps
<b>56</b>	70	MEX19750921	GONZALES	Lizeth	MEX		- 3 laps
	10	NOR19730210	DAHLE	Gunn-rita	NOR	DBS WC-TEAM	DNF
	46	CAN19750129	CHORNEY	Amber	CAN	TEAM FORD-DEVINCI	DNF
	47	USA19631220	PIPPIN	Nikki	USA	KAULIUS ZAARD	DNF
	55	GER19720321	SCHWING	Katrin	GER	STORCK	DNF
	66	MEX19771015	LEAL	Veronica	MEX	TECATE LIGHT	DNF
	69	GBR19680303	ALEXANDER	Caroline	GBR	GBR NAT TEAM	DNF