

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

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Barbara Blatter and Cadel Evans Win World Cup #6

Rising Swiss star **Barbara Blatter** (*Scott USA*) and *Australian* standout **Cadel Evans** (*Volvo-Cannondale*) showed why they're two of the sport's hottest commodities Sunday, when the two won their cross-country races in round six of the Tissot-UCI Mountain Bike World Cup in Mont Sainte-Anne, Canada.

Cadel Evans (AUS, Volvo-Cannondale) completed his first world cup win of the season after breaking his collarbone in round one, completing a remarkable comeback for a convincing victory over teammate **Christoph Sauser** (*SUI, Volvo-Cannondale*) and France's **Christophe Dupouey** (*FRA, Team Giant*). For Evans, who is the defending world cup champion, Sunday's win was about as sweet as it gets. *"Now that's a relief!"* he smiled after the race. *"It's taken awhile to get going again, and was waiting for a good race."*

Evans attacked the 72-man field during the 5th lap in the seven-lap race after riding in a foursome that included the other podium finishers. After riding behind Sauser in the 4th lap, Evans attacked for a ten-second gap by the start of the fifth lap. Sauser and number one-ranked Christophe Dupouey (FRA, Giant) responded, riding together until the final lap with **Bas Van Dooren** (*NED, Be-One*) and **Filip Meirhaeghe** (*BEL, Subaru-Specialized*) chasing within a minute.

Asked why he attacked so early, Evans said *"When you have a dry spell like I had, you want to make the best of it. I felt good from the start, and it all came together."*

Coming into the final lap, Evans had a dominant lead of two and a half minutes over the still-battling Sauser and Dupouey. But Sauser finally saw his opportunity and attacked Dupouey on a steep switchback section early in the final lap, putting nearly a minute on him by the end of the race.

"I just rode behind him, it was easier that way rather than leading," Sauser said. *"I waited for my chance, and passed him when I saw that he was slowing - especially on the descents."* Sauser's second-place finish is his best result of the season after taking 4th in Sarentino.

Dupouey finished third, happy to be on the podium after a tough race. *"I felt good, but it was difficult with two Volvo riders out there. I knew by mid-race that third was the best I could do, and that Sauser would attack. Plus it's a big step forward with Miguel Martinez not finishing up front."*

Ari Cheren



Meirhaeghe | Sauser | Evans | Dupouey | van Dooren

<i>rank</i>	<i>bib</i>	<i>UCIcode</i>	<i>name</i>	<i>nom</i>	<i>tt / gs</i>	<i>t</i>
1	42	AUS19770214	EVANS	Cadel	VOLVO CANNONDALE	2:15:07
2	5	SUI19760413	SAUSER	Christoph	VOLVO CANNONDALE	2:17:44
3	1	FRA19680808	DUPOUEY	Christophe	GIANT	2:18:36
4	17	BEL19710305	MEIRHAEGHE	Filip	SUBARU-SPECIALIZED	2:19:37
5	3	NED19730825	VAN DOOREN	Bas	BE-ONE TEAM	2:20:08
6	8	GER19760520	FUMIC	Lado	GERMAN NATIONAL TEAM	2:21:13
7	22	NZL19780630	LEUCHS	Kashi *	VOLVO CANNONDALE	2:21:54
8	47	CAN19770414	KABUSH	Geoff	KONA FACTORY TEAM	2:22:27
9	31	NED19650626	TOLHOEK	Patrick	BE-ONE TEAM	2:22:46
10	6	NED19681010	BRENTJENS	Bart	SUBARU-SPECIALIZED	2:23:07
11	16	CAN19740729	GREEN	Roland	TEAM GT	2:23:08
12	21	FRA19661119	ARNOULD	Dominique	GIANT	2:24:27
13	28	FRA19800816	ABSALON	Julien *	SCOTT USA	2:24:47
14	23	FRA19750321	VOLLET	Gregory	BIANCHI ALBACOM	2:25:51
15	83	GER19750517	KURCHAT	Wolfram	FIAT-ROTWILD	2:26:08
16	11	NOR19691210	HÖYDAHL	Rune	GIANT	2:26:19
17	27	ITA19681106	BRAMATI	Luca	SCOTT RACING TEAM	2:26:30
18	4	SUI19700217	FRISCHKNECHT	Thomas	TEAM RITCHEY-YAHOO!	2:26:43
19	20	AUS19701202	ROWNEY	Paul	AIS/NEW BALANCE/GIANT	2:26:57
20	65	USA19690807	BROWN	Travis	TREK/VOLKSWAGEN	2:27:20
21	46	SLO19720916	STRANCAR	Primoz	STOP TEAM-LEE COUGAN	2:27:38
22	39	CAN19801209	HESJEDAL	Ryder *	GARY FISHER SAAB	2:28:49
23	2	FRA19760117	MARTINEZ	Miguel	FULL DYNAMIX	2:28:59
24	55	CAN19720918	WEDGE	Peter	KONA FACTORY TEAM	2:29:05
25	45	CAN19760603	MCGRATH	Seamus	HARO/LEE DUNGAREE	2:30:33
26	61	CAN19730419	SHEPPARD	Chris	HARO/LEE DUNGAREE	2:30:47
27	67	CAN19760803	TOULOUSE	Mathieu	TEAM FORD-DEVINCI	2:30:55
28	59	USA19700313	LARSEN	Steve	LL BEAN/MONGOOSE	2:31:15
29	63	USA19680209	GULLICKSON	Marc	MONGOOSE PRO	2:31:17
30	89	CAN19700513	HINE	Julian	SCHWINN/TOYOTA CANAD	2:31:24
31	68	USA19730328	KILLEN	James	SCHWINN TOYOTA RAV 4	2:31:33
32	57	USA19741030	EATOUGH	Chris	TREK/VOLKSWAGEN	2:32:32
33	108	CRC19780428	BONILLA	Jose Adrian *	CAFE COSTA RICA	2:32:51
34	7	FRA19731117	DUBAU	Ludovic	MARIN	2:33:59
35	62	SLO19771207	GOLCER	Jure	TEAM GT	- 1 lap
36	85	CAN19771203	SONNTAG	Marc	KONA FACTORY TEAM	- 1 lap
37	81	SLO19790526	DRASLER	Rok *	FULL-DYNAMIX	- 1 lap
38	66	USA19700420	SWENSON	Carl	RLX POLO SPORT	- 1 lap
39	109	USA19650526	BISHOP	Andrew	GARY FISHER SAAB	- 1 lap
40	72	USA19640907	WIENS	David	RLX POLO SPORT	- 1 lap
41	107	USA19760309	BISHOP	Jeremiah	K2/NEWSUN	- 1 lap
42	106	AUS19731230	STOCKWELL	Luke	ROCKY MOUNTAIN BICYCLES	- 1 lap
43	51	CAN19700512	HESTLER	Andreas	TEAM FORD-DEVINCI	- 1 lap
44	99	AUT19770108	SCHEIDERBAUER	Jörg	WWW.RAINERWURZ.COM	- 2 laps
45	91	USA19791223	DARVEAU	Mathieu *	TREK/VW CANADA	- 2 laps
46	88	USA19741204	JONES	Eric	SOBE/HEADSHOK	- 2 laps
47	97	CAN19760330	LAFONTAINE	Bruno	PERIGNY VELO	- 2 laps
48	40	CAN19740128	TOURVILLE	Eric	ORYX-PROCYCLE	- 2 laps
49	73	USA19671025	SWENSON	Peter	SOBE HEADSHOK	- 2 laps
50	80	USA19760606	MATTER	Brian	TEAM GRIMACE	- 2 laps
51	95	CAN19771001	DES ROSIERS	Luc	CC BEAUPORT	- 2 laps
52	76	USA19810815	CRAIG	Adam *	DEVO	- 2 laps
53	64	GER19780511	DILGER	Andreas *	BSE	- 2 laps

54	96	GBR19730722	PARKINSON	Nigel	SOBE/HEADSHOK	- 2 laps
55	94	CAN19740828	ROBERT	Jean-francois	OGC	- 2 laps
56	60	AUT19780617	PRESSLAUER	Peter *	CORRATEC WORLD TEAM	- 3 laps
57	90	CAN19780428	NUCKLE	Martin *	LES COEURS VAILLANTS	- 3 laps
58	79	NOR19760627	JOHANSEN	Aslak	IF FROY/N	- 3 laps
	9	ESP19780824	HERMIDA	José Antonio *	BIANCHI ALBACOM	DNF
	26	NOR19720422	LARSEN	Tom	GIANT	DNF
	29	BEL19760427	PAULISSEN	Roel	TEAM GT	DNF
	32	DEN19660422	DJERNIS	Henrik	TEAM RITCHEY-YAHOO!	DNF
	37	USA19610304	JUAREZ	David 'tinker'	VOLVO CANNONDALE	DNF
	69	USA19721212	RANDOLPH	Greg	TEAM GT	DNF
	82	CRC19641218	BRENES	Andres	TEAM RITCHEY-PIZZA H	DNF
	86	USA19720916	MOLDAY	Kirk	TREK/VOLKSWAGEN	DNF
	93	CAN19800326	LAROCHE	Jean Francois *	TEAM FORD-DEVINCI	DNF
	98	USA19710927	HELGESON	Ken	US AIR FORCE	DNF
	100	USA19681215	SAUL	Daryl	MONGOOSE	DNF
	101	CAN19810903	SANSCHAGRIN	Stephane *	OXYGENE	DNF
	105	USA19730907	HOLMES	William	INDEPENDENT FABRICATION	DNF
	110	RUS19720513	TCHERKASSOV	Pavel	GARY FISHER SAAB	DNF
	52	DEN19740601	RASMUSSEN	Michael	HARO/LEE DUNGAREE	DNS