



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

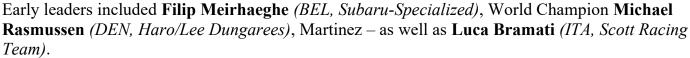
Bas Van Dooren Wins Season's First World Cup

Begins season with dominant win in Napa Valley

Bas Van Dooren (*NED*, *Be-One*) showed himself as the season's early dominator Sunday, winning the first race of the 2000 season Tissot-UCI Mountain Bike World Cup in Napa Valley. Racing closely with France's **Miguel Martinez** (FRA, Full Dynamix) for much of the dusty, high-speed affair, Van Dooren made a last-lap attack to win the opening round by 54 seconds.

The men raced directly after the women on Sunday, beginning the eight-race series on the grounds of Domaine Chandon, the famous California wine maker. The men's field, which consisted of 139 starters, began in a blur of color for two start loops and seven full laps. Each lap was 6km long and took approximately 20 minutes to complete.

Van Dooren asserted himself at the front of the race quickly, trading the lead with several other frontrunners during the first couple laps.



By the third lap the lead began to become clearer, as Meirhaeghe was forced to retire from an asthma attack caused by the course's heavy pollen, leaving Van Dooren, Rasmussen and Martinez to contest the lead. Bramati followed in 4th position.

In lap four, Van Dooren and Martinez rode together and built up a 41-second gap over the duo of Rasmussen and Bramati. At this point *Marcel Heller* of *Switzerland (Team Arrow Swiss Bike)* moved into a chase position, while **Roland Green** (CAN, GT) began moving up within the field as well into 5th place.





Lap five began with Van Dooren and Martinez still together, with Brentjens, **Thomas Frischknecht** (SUI, Ritchey-Yahoo!) and **Christophe Dupouey** (FRA, Giant) next up. Rasmussen, who had been riding in third, fell further back to 5th, while Green moved up to 4th. Brentjens fell back due to a flat tire, but soon began making up time.

In the sixth lap Heller moved up to 3rd position, while Brentjens also moved back up to 4th - Green, Bui and Rasmussen next in line. Then on the final lap Van

Dooren attacked Martinez and, by the time they reached the popular "Disco Flyover" section, was 22 seconds clear of Martinez.

Martinez chased, but couldn't match Van Dooren's speed on this day, finishing the race 54 seconds back, while Van Dooren literally kissed the finish line after his hard-won victory. Heller, in only his first year as a full-time professional racer, maintained his position for 3rd place while Green finished 4th.

Brentjens finished 5th after an exciting four-man sprint for the finish, beating **Roberto Lezaun**, **Lado Fumic** (GER, German National Team) and Frischknecht for the final place on the podium. 69 men finished the race in the lead lap, while 105 were credited with a finish.

The *Tissot-UCI Mountain Bike World Cup* continues next weekend in <u>Mazatlan, Mexico</u> for round two.

Quoted:

Bas Van Dooren: "My coach told me to take it easy today, and not fly too high after last week's race in Monterey. At some point in the race today I had to take over, so I put the hammer down with two laps remaining. I think that killed [Martinez]. I felt really strong today. You have to concentrate on this course, because if you fall too far back you have to push very hard to regain the time, and I think I was too early off the front."

Miguel Martinez: "Bas is very good, I couldn't match him today. I feel very good at this point in the season, but am missing some technical skills right now. This course didn't suit me as well as the previous one."

Marcel Heller: "I was 19th in Plymouth two years ago, so this is by far my best result, and I am very happy today. This is my first season racing full time."

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7 80 155 CRC197804 BONILLA Jose Adrian * 81 19 ITA1975031 ACQUAROLI Dario ITA BIANCHI ALBACOM - 1 lap 82 20 NED196506 TOLHOEK Patrick NED BE-ONE TEAM - 1 lap 26 83 24 CAN197606 MCGRATH Seamus CAN HARO/LEE - 1 lap	78	76			Ian	GBR		- 1 lap	
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26	81	19		ACQUAROLI	Dario	ITA	BIANCHI ALBACOM	- 1 lap	
	82	20		TOLHOEK	Patrick	NED	BE-ONE TEAM	- 1 lap	
US DUNGAREE	83	24	CAN197606 03	MCGRATH	Seamus	CAN	HARO/LEE DUNGAREE	- 1 lap	
84 159 MEX197707 SALVADOR Barriga ME TURBO - 2 laps	84	159		SALVADOR	Barriga		TURBO	- 2 laps	
85 133 NOR197810 BOLSTAD Jorn NOR G-SPORT MTB TEAM - 2 laps Espen *	85	133	NOR197810	BOLSTAD			G-SPORT MTB TEAM	- 2 laps	
86 104 USA197109 HELGESON Ken USA US AIR FORCE - 2 laps	86	104	USA197109	HELGESON		USA	US AIR FORCE	- 2 laps	

Section	87	122	SUI1978122 9	STEINHAUER	Kai *	SUI	BIKERS VISION WHEELE	- 2 laps
1	88	102		DILGER	Andreas *	GER		- 2 laps
90 69 FRA197905	89	137		PARKINSON	Nigel	GBR	SOBE/HEADSHOK	- 2 laps
123	90	69	FRA197905	VACHETTE	Yohann *	FRA	GIANT	- 2 laps
14	91	123		KELLY	Matt *	USA		- 2 laps
94 94 AUS197312 STOCKWELL Luke AUS BICYC 95 77 NZL197408 MOTE Laurence NZL AIRBORNE -2 laps 96 147 SUI1978073 BISCHOF Christof* 97 144 CAN197512 SCHNYDER Rudi CAN NORCO FACTORY 98 162 GBR198002 DIXON Philip* GBR GREAT BRITAIN -3 laps 16 16	92	110		VISSER	George	CAN	ORYX-PROCYCLE	- 2 laps
30	93	135		BAXTER	Elliot *	GBR	TEAM RALEIGH	- 2 laps
147 SUI1978073 BISCHOF Christof * SUI	94	94		STOCKWELL	Luke	AUS		- 2 laps
144 CAN197512 SCHNYDER Rudi CAN NORCO FACTORY -3 laps	95	77		MOTE	Laurence	NZL	AIRBORNE	- 2 laps
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101	99	127		HEYMANS	Mannie		FOCUS	- 3 laps
102 157	100	152		MCNAMARA	Philip	IRL	MISSING LINK	- 3 laps
103 113 RSA196905 BAKER Aldon RSA MAXXIS -3 laps	101	143		JOHANSEN	Aslak	NOR	IF FROY/N	- 3 laps
104	102	157		SWENSON	Peter	USA	SOBE/HEADSHOK	- 3 laps
105 92 GER197808 NICKE Thomas * GER STEVENS-JEANTEX - 4 laps	103	113		BAKER	Aldon	RSA	MAXXIS	- 3 laps
24	104	145		FEDERAU	Ricky *	CAN		- 3 laps
05	105	92		NICKE	Thomas *	GER	STEVENS-JEANTEX	- 4 laps
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		44		OSTERGAARD	Jan	DEN	FRM	DNF
		50		BRENES	Andres	CRC		DNF

51	SWE197506 03	TAVELL	Philip	SWE		DNF
53	USA197303 28	KILLEN	James	USA	SCHWINN	DNF
59	GBR197606 07	BECKINGSALE	Oliver	GBR	SCOTT	DNF
60	FRA197706 29	POULY	Peter	FRA	EGOBIKE CAMELBACK	DNF
62	SLO197905 26	DRASLER	Rok *	SLO	FULL DYNAMIC	DNF
65	GER197009 04	BRESSER	Carsten	GER	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	DNF
71	CAN197608 03	TOULOUSE	Mathieu	CAN	TEAM FORD- DEVINCI	DNF
80	USA196802 09	GULLICKSON	Marc	USA	MONGOOSE PRO	DNF
83	AUT196709 20	ZORN	Siegfried	AUT	I-WWW.RAINER	DNF
86	USA197412 04	JONES	Eric	USA	SOBE/HEADSHOK	DNF
106	AUT197706 30	KIRCHER	Robert	AUT	CORRATEC WORLD TEAM	DNF
111	SUI1978061 3	BUNDI	Silvio *	SUI	BIKERS VISION WHEELE	DNF
117	GER197801 30	WÖLK	Timo *	GER	STEVENS-JEANTEX	DNF
121	ITA1966070 8	BRUSCHI	Daniele	ITA	MARIN SMITH	DNF
124	CAN197408 28	ROBERT	Jean- francois	CAN	OGC	DNF
138	BEL197102 10	VAN WASSENHOVE	Dirk	BEL	BIANCHI ALBACOM	DNF
139	NED197403 31	VAN SCHALEN	Dirk	NED		DNF
140	USA198101 30	REEVES	Skyler *	USA	NANTUCKET NECTARS	DNF
148	GER197601 01	ELSASSER	Michael	GER	TEAM PORSCHE ZENTRUM	DNF
150	USA196812 15	SAUL	Daryl	USA	MONGOOSE	DNF
160	MEX198004 15	RODRIGO	Barriga *	ME X	TECATE LIGHT	DNF
161	MEX198105 14	MARTINEZ	Fernando *	ME X	MAGMAA	DNF
67	GER197209 03	WEICHERT	Marc	GER	SCHWALBE-RACING TEAM	DSQ
39	USA197209 16	MOLDAY	Kirk	USA	TREK/VOLKSWAGE N	DNS