

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

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First-time world cup winner *Barbara Blatter* (SUI, Scott USA) joined veteran racer *Christophe Dupouey* (FRA, Team Giant) at the top of the finisher's podium today when the two pro racers won the women's and men's event in St. Wendel, Germany. Ideal racing conditions brought out an estimated 25,000 spectators to this long-running event, as the cross-country tour hit the half-way point of its season.

With four different winners in as many rounds of racing, the 2000 Tissot-UCI Mountain Bike World Cup cross-country series is again shaping up as an epic series, with plenty to motivate the teams and riders in this Olympic year.

Racing conditions were warm and sunny after light night-time showers, keeping the course challenging, yet fast. 83 women started their five-lap race at 10:30 a.m., with Swiss rider Barbara Blatter (SUI, Scott USA) establishing herself in the lead by the end of the first lap after an early crash by World Champion *Marga Fullana* (ESP, Subaru-Specialized) sent her a minute off the pace.

Olympic Gold Medallist *Paola Pezzo* (ITA, Gary Fisher Saab) was giving chase in 2nd position, while number-two ranked *Alison Dunlap* (USA, Team GT) rode in 3rd - followed closely by *Sandra Temporelli* (FRA, Look/LaPoste) and *Caroline Alexander* (GBR). Number-one ranked *Mary Grigson* (AUS, Gary Fisher/Saab) was riding in 9th position at this point.

In laps two and three the leaders remained the same, although Pezzo reduced Blatter's lead from a minute in lap two to 24 seconds in lap 3. Dunlap and Fullana were riding together a minute back, while Alexander, Temporelli and *Chantal Daucourt* (SUI, Trek Volkswagen) rode together at 1:30.



Barbara Blatter - SUI

In the 4th lap Pezzo briefly passed Blatter, but soon crashed on a slippery hill and resumed her chase in 2nd. Meanwhile Grigson, who had been riding nearly two minutes back in 13th position, made an impressive move toward the front of the race, gaining 3rd position - ahead of Dunlap and Fullana.

Dunlap was tied in points with Grigson for the overall series lead, and subsequently attacked to overtake 2nd position ahead of Fullana, while Grigson rode in 4th - Pezzo just behind her in the 5th and final podium position.

Quoted:

1st Place, **Barbara Blatter:**

"It's my first win, and it feels great! Things have been going well the past few weeks, and this was my day. In the last lap I had a problem with my chain, but I kept up the speed to win. It was not my plan to attack early in the race, it was just my pace. Pezzo passed me, but when I saw her crash, I thought 'she is strong and can come back.' But she didn't, and then I was surprised to see Dunlap in second position toward the end."

2nd Place, **Alison Dunlap:**

"I didn't feel spectacular today, so I'm pretty happy. That was the hardest I've ridden. I worked really hard, and there were moments in the race when I didn't think I'd survive! My goal was to keep the leader's jersey, but then Mary was there. Then everything changed and you have to re-evaluate - I knew she was a better descender. By the end I was seeing stars all the way to the finish. I saw Blatter after the woods toward the finish - I needed one more climb. It's nice to have the jersey this week, but we'll take each race as it comes. Once we get past the World's we'll sit down and plan out the rest of the season."

3rd Place, **Marga Fullana:**

"I was feeling good in the first lap and was riding in the lead group, but then I crashed hard just before the rock garden on a very fast section. After that I lost two minutes, plus I lost my mental edge. I got back within the leaders, but at the end I was dead. I worked hard today."

Ari Cheren



Pezzo | Fullana | Blatter | Dunlap | Grigson

Rank	Bib	UCI Code	Surname	Firstname	Team	Time
1	7	SUI19701222	BLATTER	Barbara	SCOTT USA	1:57:28
2	2	USA19690727	DUNLAP	Alison	TEAM GT	1:57:36
3	8	ESP19720409	FULLANA	Marga	SUBARU-SPECIALIZED	1:57:39
4	1	AUS19730603	GRIGSON	Mary	GARY FISHER/SAAB	1:58:26
5	9	ITA19690108	PEZZO	Paola	GARY FISHER/SAAB	1:58:27
6	13	SUI19660623	DAUCOURT	Chantal	TREK/VOLKSWAGEN	1:58:55
7	18	NED19730125	VINK	Elsbeth	SUBARU-SPECIALIZED	1:59:24
8	11	FRA19691106	VILLENEUVE	Sophie	EGOBIKE/CAMELBACK	1:59:27
9	48	ESP19730917	PUIGROS MIRANDA	Janet	ROTOR EDR	1:59:35
10	26	SUI19691014	HENZI	Petra		2:00:25
11	50	SUI19740613	RUSCA	Maroussia	SCOTT ELVIA	2:01:20
12	14	FRA19690125	TEMPORELLI	Sandra	LOOK/LA POSTE	2:01:52
13	17	GER19650904	ZU PUTLITZ	Hedda	BE-ONE TEAM	2:01:55
14	52	ESP19671215	ROVIRA PLANAS	Silvia	MACARIO GT	2:02:01
15	15	USA19631122	TROMBLEY	Ann	KOULIUS ZAARD	2:02:25
16	64	ITA19650914	TOVAGLIERI	Giuliana	TEAM SPREAFICO	2:02:34
17	5	FRA19720222	LEBOUCHER	Laurence	TEAM GT	2:03:41
18	32	GER19680826	MARUNDE	Regina	FOCUS	2:03:45
19	4	NED19730630	DORLAND	Corine	BE-ONE TEAM	2:04:12
20	10	USA19651111	MATTHES	Ruthie	TREK/VOLKSWAGEN	2:04:31
21	16	GER19711221	SPITZ	Sabine	MERIDA	2:04:31
22	12	RUS19761202	EPIFANOVA	Alla	VOLVO/CANNONDALE	2:05:07
23	23	CAN19591226	TOMLINSON	Lesley	RLX POLO SPORT	2:05:37
24	22	GBR19650112	ROBINSON	Louise	STOURBRIDGE CC	2:05:57
25	19	ARG19720518	FLORIT	Jimena	RLX/POLO SPORT	2:06:11
26	67	ITA19721024	SALA	Veronica	TEAM COLNAGO	2:06:17
27	28	AUS19761216	BAYLIS	Anna	CANNONDALE AUSTRALIA	2:06:30
28	30	BEL19641010	LAROY	Lory	BE-ONE TEAM	2:06:37
29	73	SWE19780409	ÖSTERGREN	Marla		2:06:41
30	21	USA19641117	KAIN	Shari	RLX POLO SPORT	2:08:08
31	29	USA19661005	AUGUSTIN	Audrey	KOULIUS ZAARD	2:08:10
32	40	RUS19771110	IAGOUPOVA	Irina	RUSSIA NAT. MERIDA KOSTYA	2:08:37
33	60	ITA19720406	DE NEGRI	Nadia	BIANCHI ALBACOM	2:08:58
34	25	AUS19770730	GEYSEN	Hanneke	BE-ONE/AIS	2:09:37
35	27	CAN19690205	SINCLAIR	Patricia	MARIN	2:10:28
36	58	NED19750429	SOLLAART	Tessa		2:10:45
37	31	USA19650705	QUICK	Rhonda		2:11:00
38	100	ITA19711019	MARSILIO	Claudia	RACER TEAM	2:11:55
39	92	SWE19780227	ÖHRSTIG	Emelie	TEAM CRESCENT	2:12:04
40	72	SUI19790205	MORF	Sonja		2:12:53
41	24	ITA19680704	STROPPARO	Annabella	VOLVO/CANNONDALE	2:13:31
42	39	NZL19690329	PARKER	Sadie	HELLY-HANSEN/GIANT	2:13:37
43	36	JPN19700524	KOBAYASHI	Kanako	A&F	2:13:53
44	115	CZE19641201	POLIVKOVA	Karla		2:13:59
45	71	AUT19750708	JUNGMAIER	Bärbel	CYCLOPIA TREK TEAM	2:14:33
46	57	FRA19791016	MARCOUYRE	Hélène	LOOK/LA POSTE	2:14:42
47	86	SUI19811130	FLÜCKIGER	Lea	TEAM GT	2:14:47
48	56	USA19640728	MARSHMAN	Rene	MOOTS	2:15:19
49	54	CAN19730517	MCQUAID	Melanie		2:15:50
50	45	RSA19700925	GREEN	Erica	GT	2:16:23
51	47	USA19670101	HALL	Gina	KOULIUS ZAARD	2:17:30
52	35	AUS19761002	FRANKE	Dellys	MERIDA AUSTRALIA	2:17:58
53	79	GER19750626	HELMKE	Katrin	VAN HACHT TEAM	2:18:19

54	74	USA19690807	MASON	Lanie	CANE CREEK	2:18:56
55	68	RSA19651227	KOTZE	Hannele	TREK/GINZING/VW	- 1 lap
56	121	SUI19801107	STEINER	Sara		- 1 lap
57	82	CHN19780113	YU	Quanlan	CHINESE NATL TEAM	- 1 lap
58	180	CZE19770616	BUBLOVA	Ilona		- 1 lap
59	99	FRA19710625	COSSARD HEMON	Severine	SPECIALIZED VTT MAG	- 1 lap
60	87	CHN19791008	WANG	Wenxia	CHINESE NATL TEAM	- 1 lap
61	96	FRA19780401	ENAUX	Sabrina		- 1 lap
62	78	NED19690710	VAN LOON	Annemiek		- 1 lap
63	76	USA19621003	EGGERTSEN	Teresa	MICRO/SUPREME/X-MEN	- 1 lap
64	70	BEL19710602	VAN DEUN	Hilde		- 1 lap
65	84	SUI19790317	BURRI	Isabelle	ARROW SWISS BIKE TM	- 1 lap
66	88	AUS19681016	ROBINSON	Kellie	STEGBAR PILKINGTON	- 2 laps
67	91	GER19790110	ELSNER	Anna Barbara		- 2 laps
68	83	NED19781226	TURPIJN	Laura		- 2 laps
69	90	NED19800914	DIELEMAN	Mirjam		- 2 laps
70	122	NED19711129	VAN DER VLIST	Ingrid		- 2 laps
71	93	BEL19720407	DEROO	Mieke		- 2 laps
72	152	GER19760405	GRINER	Annette		- 2 laps
73	97	AUS19700514	TOPMAN	Lucy	MERCEDES BENZ	- 3 laps
	3	CAN19660909	SYDOR	Alison	VOLVO/CANNONDALE	DNF
	20	GBR19700608	BRUNGER	Tracy	GREAT BRITAIN	DNF
	42	GBR19680303	ALEXANDER	Caroline	GREAT BRITAIN	DNF
	55	AUT19730405	BRAUMANN	Birgit	FIAT ROTWILD	DNF
	59	GER19720512	WEISS	Helga	ROTHAUS-STORCK	DNF
	62	CHN19770205	MA	Yan Ping	CHINESE NATL TEAM	DNF
	63	GER19670901	JÜNGST	Birgit	SCOTT-POLAR-RACING-T	DNF
	66	POL19810216	SZAFRANIEC	Anna	POLAND	DNF
	89	ITA19690217	BALDUZZI	Elisa	TEAM COLNAGO	DNF
	95	FRA19810205	HANSEN	Séverine	LOOK/LA POSTE	DNF
	98	GER19730317	RAHNER	Carolin	FIAT-ROTWILD	DNS