

## XC#3: HOUFFALIZE, BEL - 18-20.5.2001

### Fullana and Bui Win Houffalize Time Trial:

**Marga Fullana** (ESP, Specialized) and **Marco Bui** (ITA, A.S. Marin Helly Hansen) each won their second TT of the 2001 season Saturday, as round three of the Tissot-UCI Mountain Bike World Cup cross-country series brought another exciting weekend of racing to Europe.



Houffalize, Belgium hosts the world's top racers on a classic and time-honoured course in the country's Ardennes region - for the second-straight week of European racing.

Crowds were typically large and weather partly cloudy when the men and women challenged one lap of the 7.7km course - to gain overall points and maximize their starting position for Sunday's XC event.

**Marga Fullana** (ESP, Specialized) went third from last Saturday afternoon, posting the fastest time and improving her overall standings after missing round one in Napa. She had won last week's TT event in Sarentino, and used her momentum to again take the victory here in Belgium.

*"I feel better than last week, more healthy - and all is good for Sunday's race I think," she said afterward. "I had passed Alison*

*Sydor and Sabine Spitz, and was very close to Caroline Alexander by the finish."*

Fullana's mechanic made a late-morning tyre change to a smaller tyre for shedding the mud that was hindering riders during morning training, which helped her by the time she raced in mid-afternoon. She finished 27 seconds faster than second-place **Annabella Stropparo** (ITA, Be-One), who rode a strong first lap in last week's Italian XC race. Third place was **Caroline Alexander** (GBR, Specialized), followed by **Alison Dunlap** (USA, Team GT) and series-leading **Barbara Blatter** (SUI, Specialized).

Blatter retains the yellow Tissot leader's jersey, with Stropparo two points back in second overall, while Fullana moves up to third overall.

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rank	#	UCIcode	name	nom	tt / gs	t
1	3	ESP19720409	FULLANA	Marga	SPECIALIZED	27:30.87
2	7	ITA19680704	STROPPARO	Annabella	BE-ONE TEAM	28:04.62
3	6	GBR19680303	ALEXANDER	Caroline	SPECIALIZED	28:51.02
4	2	USA19690727	DUNLAP	Alison	TEAM GT	28:54.85
5	1	SUI19701222	BLATTER	Barbara	SPECIALIZED	29:03.54
6	20	ESP19730917	PUIGGROS MIRANDA	Janet	ORBEA	29:07.61
7	4	CAN19660909	SYDOR	Alison	TREK/ VOLKSWAGEN	29:12.62
8	15	FRA19720222	LEBOUCHER	Laurence	FRANCE	29:23.65
9	12	GER19680826	MARUNDE	Regina	FOCUS	29:27.23
10	8	CAN19660316	REDDEN	Chrissy	SUBARU-GARY FISHER	29:45.80
11	5	GER19711227	SPITZ	Sabine	MERIDA INTERNATIONAL	29:46.90
12	9	NED19730630	DORLAND	Corine	BE-ONE TEAM	30:01.75
13	29	NED19730125	VINK	Elsbeth	SPECIALIZED	30:15.98
14	10	RUS19771110	KALENTIEVA- IAGOUPOVA	Irina	RUSSIA	30:41.88
15	11	ARG19720518	FLORIT	Jimena	RLX POLO SPORT	30:56.56
16	32	ESP19671215	ROVIRA PLANAS	Silvia	SELECCION ESPANOLA	31:16.83
17	26	SWE19710318	ENOCSSON	Anna	SWEDEN	31:22.94
18	13	SUI19691014	HENZI	Petra	FISCHER K2	31:26.20
19	64	GER19740727	KLOSE	Sandra	RALPH DENK RACING	31:31.01
20	24	AUT19730405	BRAUMANN	Birgit	MERIDA INTERNATIONAL AUT	31:31.79
21	27	SUI19740613	RUSCA	Maroussia	ARROW SWISS BIKE TEAM	31:32.41
22	17	AUS19710603	GRIGSON	Mary	SUBARU-GARY FISHER	31:36.04
23	75	GER19720512	WEISS	Helga	ROTHAUS STORCK TEAM	31:43.75
24	88	FRA19780401	ENAUUX	Sabrina	STOPP SERVICES ST DIE	31:49.50
25	31	POL19820317	SADLECKA	Magdalena	LOTTO PZU	31:52.38
26	68	GBR19760625	THOMAS	Sue	GREAT BRITAIN	31:54.66
27	73	FRA19810205	HANSEN	Severine	SCOTT FRANCE	32:17.60
28	42	AUS19761216	BAYLIS	Anna	CANNONDALE AUSTRALIA	32:25.57
29	76	GER19670901	JUNGST	Birgit	SCOTT RACING TEAM	32:28.52
30	78	GER19720321	SCHWING	Katrin	STORCK	32:28.66
31	57	FRA19791016	MARCOUYRE	Helene	GIANT	32:28.86
32	14	USA19770704	EMMETT	Kelli	TEAM GT	32:32.62
33	55	POL19810216	SZAFRANIEC	Anna	LOTTO PZU	32:47.54
34	53	BEL19641010	LAROY	Lory	BELGIUM	32:52.52
35	16	RUS19780810	PAZITOVA	Valentina	RUSSIA	32:55.82

<b>36</b>	77	CZE19770616	BUBLOVA	Ilona	CZECH CYCLING FEDERATION	33:01.48
<b>37</b>	83	FRA19800805	GUIRRONNET	Sandrine	ATLAS	33:25.66
<b>38</b>	105	SUI19740312	MEIER	Gabriela	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	33:27.58
<b>39</b>	38	AUT19750708	JUNGMEIER	Barbel	MERIDA INTERNATIONAL AUT	33:28.34
<b>40</b>	47	SVK19760204	STEVKOVA	Janka	CK DEMA SENICA	33:33.94
<b>41</b>	58	SUI19780829	LAESER	Melanie	FISCHER K2	33:34.38
<b>42</b>	18	GBR19780819	WILKINSON	Victoria	GREAT BRITAIN	33:38.44
<b>43</b>	59	IRL19770525	OWENS	Tarja	IRELAND	33:53.10
<b>44</b>	92	BRA19761227	MOURAO	Jacqueline	BRAZIL	33:58.48
<b>45</b>	94	FRA19710615	COSSARD-HEMON	Severine	GIANT	34:01.62
<b>46</b>	89	BEL19710602	VAN DEUN	Hilde	BELGIUM	34:09.36
<b>47</b>	62	ITA19711019	MARSILIO	Claudia	GP RACER TEAM	34:20.31
<b>48</b>	49	NED19670710	VAN LOON	Annemiek	NETHERLAND	34:35.07
<b>49</b>	86	FRA19730412	CLOLUS	Sonia	FRANCE	34:37.96
<b>50</b>	34	RSA19651227	KOTZE	Hannele	SOUTH AFRICA	34:46.22
<b>51</b>	96	GER19750826	HELMKE	Katrin	HB CYCLE SPORT	34:56.90
<b>52</b>	95	DEN19740109	ANDERSEN	Mette	DANSKE MTB KLUB	34:59.75
<b>53</b>	66	NED19781226	TURPIJN	Laura	NETHERLAND	35:03.49
<b>54</b>	67	NED19741010	ROTTEVEEL	Marlies	NETHERLAND	35:06.47
<b>55</b>	72	HUN19740303	VAJDA	Marta	MERIDA INT. HUN	35:51.72
<b>56</b>	65	BEL19780228	BATTAIR	Valerie	BELGIUM	36:33.76
<b>57</b>	102	CAN19740402	PETIT	Nadine	INDEPENDANT	36:44.00
<b>58</b>	79	NED19751218	VAN GERVEN	Renate	NETHERLAND	36:57.10
<b>59</b>	85	NED19800914	DIELEMAN	Mirjam	NETHERLAND	37:02.93
<b>60</b>	82	NED19711129	VAN DER VLIST	Ingrid	NETHERLAND	38:06.23
<b>61</b>	97	NED19780510	METER	Ilona	NETHERLAND	39:42.19
<b>62</b>	103	NED19720319	KRAMER	Karin	NETHERLAND	45:34.24
<b>63</b>	63	SWE19780409	OSTERGREN	Maria	SWEDEN	
<b>63</b>	74	SWE19780727	DANIELSSON	Sara	SWEDEN	
<b>63</b>	35	ITA19721024	SALA	Veronica	TEAM COLNAGO	
<b>63</b>	54	ITA19650914	TOVAGLIERI	Giuliana	TURRO MTB	
<b>63</b>	93	GER19800914	BERGER	Verena	GERMANY	