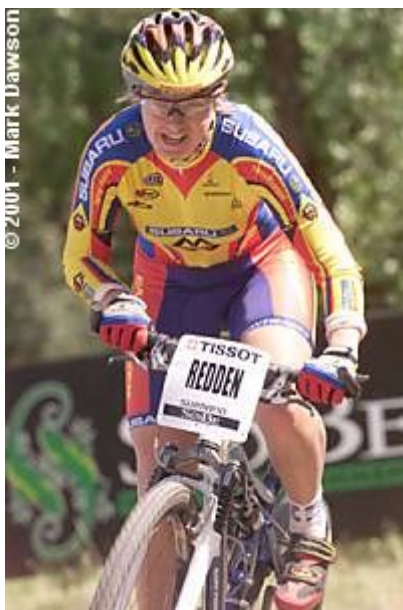


TT#1: NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, USA - 7-8.4.2001 Women / Femmes

Marco Bui and Chrissy Redden Win Time Trial Debut

The 2001 season of the **Tissot-UCI Mountain Bike World Cup** officially began on *Saturday, April 7, 2001* with the debut of a time trial prelude event at the first cross-country event in *Napa, California - USA*. The time trial event marks an interesting new aspect to the cross-country racing circuit, as top riders took a lap around the scenic racecourse in pursuit of a **yellow Tissot leader's jersey** - as well as favorable starting position for Sunday's main cross-country event. Both men and women will now race on Sundays at these cross-country only events.



Chrissy Redden - CAN

Riders made solo runs at 30-second intervals on a nearly full lap of the course - one short loop having been eliminated from the circuit for Saturday's event. Weather was cool yet partly sunny at 1:30 p.m. when the first women began, a field of 43 riders racing hard for the fastest time. The men's field was larger, at 121 riders. Also new for this season are the number plates of the top-ten male and female racers, each of whom have their names printed on the Tissot number plates - rather than just their bib number.

Canadian **Chrissy Redden** (CAN, Subaru-Gary Fisher) posted the fastest time for the women, finishing the four-mile course in sixteen minutes and 39 seconds. She was followed by **Alison Dunlap** (USA, Team GT), who was just .33 of a second slower. Current world cup champion **Barbara Blatter** (SUI,

Specialized) finished third-fastest at 12 seconds back, choosing to save some energy for Sunday's XC event.

The men's event featured a winning time of thirteen minutes, 39 seconds from 1999 U-23 World Champion **Marco Bui** (ITA, A.S. Marin Helly Hansen), who topped second place **Ryder Hesjedal** (CAN, Subaru - Gary Fisher) by 10.55 seconds and third place **Roland Green** (CAN, Trek-Volkswagen) by 14.84 seconds.

The top finishers of Saturday's TT event receive not only a leader's jersey, but front-row starting positions in Sunday's cross-country events as well. Before this season, the starting grid was determined by world cup standings - rewarding top overall performers with an advantage. Now riders must earn this position through the TT event, giving lower-ranked riders an opportunity to start

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1	6	CAN19660316	REDDEN	Chrissy	SUBARU-GARY FISHER	16:39.373
2	2	USA19690727	DUNLAP	Alison	TEAM GT	16:39.704
3	1	SUI19701222	BLATTER	Barbara	SPECIALIZED	16:52.074
4	37	GBR19680303	ALEXANDER	Caroline	SPECIALIZED	16:53.516
5	16	ARG19720518	FLORIT	Jimena	RLX POLO SPORT	16:53.849
6	32	ITA19680704	STROPPARO	Annabella	BE-ONE TEAM	16:57.107
7	15	GER19711227	SPITZ	Sabine	MERIDA INTERNATIONAL	16:58.686
8	3	CAN19660909	SYDOR	Alison	TREK/VOLKSWAGEN MTB RACING TEAM	17:02.202
9	7	NED19730630	DORLAND	Corine	BE-ONE TEAM	17:02.886
10	10	GER19680826	MARUNDE	Regina	FOCUS	17:03.244
11	57	USA19750506	LLOYD	Rachel	SUNRACE/SANTA CRUZ	17:07.291
12	39	USA19670101	HALL	Gina	TEAM GT	17:19.618
13	59	USA19711009	HAYWOOD	Susan	TREK/VOLKSWAGEN TOURISM	17:25.597
14	50	AUS19761002	FRANKE	Dellys	MERIDA AUSTRALIA	17:28.074
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16	77	RUS19771110	KALENTIEVA	Irina	RUSSIAN NATIONAL / MERIDA	17:38.460
17	34	USA19650705	QUICK	Rhonda	JAMBA JUICE	17:39.336
18	56	USA19770704	EMMETT	Kelli	TEAM GT	17:48.171
19	11	USA19651111	MATTHES	Ruthie	TREK/VOLKSWAGEN MTB RACING TEAM	17:54.451
20	24	CAN19591226	TOMLINSON	Lesley	ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIKE TEAM	18:04.451
21	21	SUI19691014	HENZI	Petra	FISCHER K2	18:11.920
22	31	SUI19740613	RUSCA	Maroussia	ARROW SWISS BIKE TEAM	18:17.617
23	80	USA19650624	STREB	Marla	FOES / AZONIC	18:20.339
24	51	USA19771212	KOERBER	Willow	CANE CREEK	18:24.111
25	62	DEN19770410	BRUHN	Nadine	KOLDING BICYCLE CLUB	18:24.670
26	46	CAN19771024	PREMONT	Marie-Helene	ORIX/PROCYCLE	18:29.843
27	53	CAN19751112	BISARO	Kiara	COMOX VALLEY CYCLING CLUB	18:31.531
28	65	USA19690409	EMMERMAN	Julie	GARY FISHER	18:36.266
29	66	USA19690407	DALTON	Janie	TREK FACTORY MISSING LINK	18:38.648
30	75	USA19690719	VARDAROS	Christine	JAMBA JUICE	18:43.453
31	64	CAN19741012	YEW	Ann	TREK CANADA	18:49.135
32	78	RUS19780320	PAZITOVA	Valentina	RUSSIAN NATIONAL / MERIDA	18:49.725
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37	61	CAN19710211	COLE	Heather	SOULCRAFT	19:33.680
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41	79	MEX19771015	LEAL	Veronica	GARY FISHER MEXICO	0