



Results: Downhill - Hommes - Elite - Men - 10.6.2000

Rockwell, Chausson Win Senior Downhill

Myles Rockwell (USA) stunned a large Spanish crowd and indeed an entire industry Saturday afternoon when he won the 2000 men's downhill rainbow jersey by the slimmest of margins. **Anne-Caroline Chausson (FRA)**, in contrast, won her fifth-straight senior gold medal by beating **Katja Repo (FIN)** for the second-straight time in Worlds competition.

Senior division racing began just after noon under deep blue skies and hot sun, an unusual summer storm having dropped several inches of snow on the mountain Friday night - blanketing the venue in white for the start of racing.

Rockwell, whose previous best international finish was a world cup win in Kaprun, Austria in 1995, won the United States of America's first senior downhill rainbow jersey since 1993. He beat *Great Britain's Steve Peat* by 0.57 of a second and *France's Mickael Pascal* by just 0.67 of a second. Eight-time World Champion **Nicolas Vouilloz (FRA)** finished 8th, ending a remarkable winning streak.



Myles Rockwell - USA

Several thousand spectators lined Sierra Nevada's long and difficult course above the city of Granada to witness what has been described as the best downhill race ever - certainly one of the closest in the men's division. So close were the winning margins that it was unclear who the new men's champion was until the very last man - Peat - had rolled across the finish in second place.



Steve Peat - GBR

103 men raced in the downhill finals after qualifying for their position in Thursday's semi-final run. **Cédric Gracia (FRA)**, who had qualified poorly due to a flat tire, set a new record for time spent in the leader's hotseat when he waited for an hour and a half to be unseated. **Gerwin Peters (NED)** finally beat his time by a couple seconds and then took his position in the leader's chair until only four men remained and Mickael Pascal (FRA) briefly took the lead.

The next rider was Rockwell, who sped down the mountain and overtook the lead by just 0.67 of a second, overjoyed with his run and celebrating in the finish area. He then had six long minutes to wait for just two other men - top-qualifiers **Bas DeBever (NED)** and Steve Peat (GBR) - to come down the mountain. "At least I know I'm on the podium" he remarked sitting in the leader's chair.

De Bever missed Rockwell's time by approximately two and a half seconds, then the fastest man in qualifying, Peat, came into view on the

large exposed mountainside as split times and visual markers showed the Englishman's time to be nearly exactly as fast as Rockwell's - too close to call.

Peat pedaled across the finish line at full speed, but his time was a half-second slower than the American's and the race was decided - the top five men separated by less than five seconds.

Myles Rockwell, 1st Place:

"I made a couple mistakes, I guess I was pushing real hard. I was just thinking 'motocross' when I left the gate. My father told me years ago that whenever I decided to win this race that I could, and I decided last night that I was going to win, and I did."

"To see my name at the top of the score board like that at the World Championships, it's a dream I've had for ten years at least. And without Giant, and all my sponsors throughout the years and especially my parents giving me the confidence, I couldn't be here. To win by that close of a margin, it's unbelievable. I've overcome some big things in my life and it's just so incredible."

Steve Peat, 2nd Place:

"It's the best I've ever done in the World's, so I have a medal I can take up to England and hope they're proud of me. I rode good, but just made one small mistake, where a rock had turned over on the course and I lost it a bit trying to avoid it. But it's the World's, you have to give it everything."

Ari Cheren

<i>place</i>	<i>bib</i>	<i>UCIcode</i>	<i>name</i>	<i>nom</i>	<i>nat</i>	<i>t</i>	<i>t+</i>
1	22	USA19720819	ROCKWELL	Myles	USA	3:55.01	
2	5	GBR19740617	PEAT	Steve	GBR	3:55.59	0.57
3	2	FRA19791011	PASCAL	Mickael	FRA	3:55.69	0.67
4	4	NED19770409	PETERS	Gerwin	NED	3:56.53	1.52
5	7	USA19700306	CARTER	Eric	USA	3:56.56	1.55
6	8	NED19680416	DE BEVER	Bas	NED	3:58.04	3.02
7	6	FRA19780323	GRACIA	Cedric	FRA	3:58.93	3.92
8	1	FRA19760208	VOUILLOZ	Nicolas	FRA	4:00.16	5.15
9	3	ESP19790210	VAZQUEZ	David	ESP	4:00.25	5.23
10	28	AUS19780301	KOVARIK	Chris	AUS	4:00.34	5.32
11	19	RSA19811113	MINNAAR	Greg	RSA	4:01.13	6.12
12	14	ITA19660604	HERIN	Corrado	ITA	4:01.16	6.15
13	9	USA19740531	VOREIS	Kirt	USA	4:01.34	6.32
14	25	GER19720223	BENEKE	Jurgen	GER	4:01.45	6.44
15	27	AUS19750623	RONNING	Michael	AUS	4:01.68	6.66
16	71	USA19691029	CULLINAN	Dave	USA	4:01.76	6.75
17	13	AUS19771105	MCCARROLL	Sean	AUS	4:01.94	6.93
18	60	FRA19800726	BAREL	Fabien	FRA	4:02.96	7.94
19	41	SUI19761023	WILDHABER	Rene	SUI	4:03.73	8.71
20	10	ESP19730828	SAIZ	Oscar	ESP	4:04.03	9.01
21	18	GBR19700916	WARNER	Rob	GBR	4:04.38	9.36
22	74	SUI19780409	RYSER	Thomas	SUI	4:04.53	9.52
23	85	CZE19810425	VAGNER	Adam	CZE	4:06.21	11.19
24	50	GBR19720201	PAGE	Nigel	GBR	4:06.22	11.2
25	40	USA19730223	SIGFRID	Jason	USA	4:06.29	11.27
26	64	FRA19810320	PAROLIN	Franck	FRA	4:06.30	11.28
27	33	GBR19721010	PONTING	Tim	GBR	4:06.52	11.5
28	21	SWE19780312	LUNDMANN	Jan	SWE	4:06.76	11.74
29	11	ESP19760807	MISSER	Pau	ESP	4:07.16	12.14
30	38	FRA19760719	LAGNEAU	Cyril	FRA	4:07.38	12.37
31	52	USA19800903	HOUSEMAN	Gary	USA	4:07.43	12.41
32	32	GBR19741123	LONGDEN	Will	GBR	4:07.62	12.6
33	31	ESP19810417	ROJO	Cesar	ESP	4:07.83	12.81
34	84	USA19671103	TOMAC	John	USA	4:08.09	13.08
35	57	CAN19710520	SHANDRO	Andrew	CAN	4:08.73	13.72
36	100	CHI19800705	PIZARRO	Francisco	CHI	4:08.74	13.72
37	122	ITA19780601	ANSELMO	Eric	ITA	4:08.76	13.74
38	67	AUS19810622	RANDO	Jared	AUS	4:09.04	14.02
39	49	FRA19810616	SERY	Jacky	FRA	4:09.15	14.14
40	36	ESP19720217	SANTANA	Jacobo	ESP	4:09.73	14.71
41	15	GER19770808	KLAUSMANN	Marcus	GER	4:09.76	14.75
42	16	SWE19770208	ENGSTROM	Johan	SWE	4:10.46	15.44
43	29	AUS19671023	SHARPLES	Scott	AUS	4:10.70	15.68
44	24	BRA19800209	BERCHTOLD	Markolf	BRA	4:10.71	15.69
45	35	SUI19770916	CALUORI	Claudio	SUI	4:10.81	15.79
46	43	NZL19790430	RANKIN	Nathan	NZL	4:10.84	15.82
47	54	IRL19770906	O'BRIEN	Glyn	IRL	4:11.94	16.92
48	53	FRA19730717	JANY	Stephane	FRA	4:12.17	17.15
49	12	GBR19700526	CARRICK-AND.	Crawford	GBR	4:12.35	17.33
50	45	NED19720125	VAN DER HATERD	Wilfred	NED	4:13.02	18
51	26	ITA19731110	ZANCHI	Bruno	ITA	4:13.38	18.37
52	48	CAN19780122	CSEFF	Eric	CAN	4:14.24	19.23

53	98	GER19760412	STRATMANN	Dennis	GER	4:14.45	19.43
54	72	AUT19740422	DEUTSCHMANN	Harald	AUT	4:14.55	19.53
55	106	ARG19771015	CINGOLANI	Carlos	ARG	4:15.23	20.22
56	66	CZE19780316	HYNCICA	Vlastimil	CZE	4:15.23	20.22
57	56	IRL19790605	LAWLOR	John	IRL	4:15.24	20.23
58	61	CZE19780529	MAROSI	Michal	CZE	4:15.26	20.24
59	59	CAN19760523	WATSON	David	CAN	4:15.29	20.27
60	97	CHI19740503	VASQUEZ	Sebastian	CHI	4:15.65	20.64
61	75	SUI19780609	BUELER	Andy	SUI	4:15.76	20.75
62	82	BEL19770608	DEFERM	Stijn	BEL	4:16.01	20.99
63	90	BEL19720308	SALIEN	Werner	BEL	4:16.71	21.7
64	46	GER19790711	VESENBECK	Adrian	GER	4:17.35	22.33
65	113	FIN19800627	AALTONEN	Ari	FIN	4:17.43	22.41
66	79	JPN19721221	NABESHIMA	Kenichi	JPN	4:17.59	22.57
67	92	AUT19760211	STINGL	Markus	AUT	4:18.16	23.14
68	77	JPN19770605	TAKEMOTO	Masashi	JPN	4:18.58	23.56
69	114	POR19800114	CACHADA	Nuno	POR	4:19.40	24.38
70	95	IRL19750929	GILSENAN	Paul	IRL	4:21.45	26.43
71	124	FIN19800411	HUOVIOLA	Juuso	FIN	4:21.60	26.58
72	20	ESP19760604	OULEGO MORENO	Ivan	ESP	4:23.25	28.23
73	34	NED19730920	KRUIPER	Michel	NED	4:23.89	28.87
74	88	SLO19730327	MARTINJAS	Aljosa	SLO	4:24.41	29.4
75	69	CAN19720629	PORTER	Trevor	CAN	4:24.46	29.45
76	73	JPN19701123	TSUKAMOTO	Takasi	JPN	4:25.05	30.04
77	116	RSA19680927	NIXON	Chris	RSA	4:25.22	30.21
78	115	ECU19810312	WADA	Ryohei	ECU	4:25.28	30.27
79	58	SLO19690113	GRASIC	Janez	SLO	4:25.57	30.55
80	119	BEL19750730	VERNELEN	Roel	BEL	4:26.02	31
81	125	FIN19811006	ISOKAANTA	Timo	FIN	4:27.36	32.35
82	120	BEL19731213	JADUTA	Taras	BEL	4:27.55	32.53
83	96	COL19730109	OCAMPO	Juan Sebastian	COL	4:28.28	33.27
84	91	RSA19720125	KELSEY	Myles	RSA	4:29.06	34.04
85	130	BRA19721203	LIRA	Marco	BRA	4:29.59	34.58
86	129	BRA19790716	SGARBI	Robert	BRA	4:30.19	35.17
87	101	SLO19730413	JAMNIK	Janez	SLO	4:31.09	36.07
88	123	JPN19750316	OSHIMA	Reiji	JPN	4:31.17	36.16
89	107	GER19790209	WAGENKNECHT	Andre	GER	4:31.56	36.54
90	108	IRL19740531	O'HARA	David	IRL	4:32.18	37.17
91	94	IRL19790501	YOONG	Andrew	IRL	4:35.10	40.08
92	102	GUA19800215	GIRON	Edgar	GUA	4:37.11	42.1
93	23	ESP19740930	MISSER	Tomi	ESP	4:41.11	46.09
94	132	BRA19800411	LINHARES	Luiz	BRA	4:41.55	46.53
95	121	JPN19760413	TAKAMATSU	Kenji	JPN	4:41.57	46.55
96	39	GBR19770421	MOSELEY	Ed	GBR	4:45.31	50.29
97	104	VEN19781113	MORENO	Jackson	VEN	4:48.10	53.08
98	133	VEN19691110	BRITO	Freddy	VEN	5:02.25	1:07.23
99	134	VEN19700601	MORA	Andres	VEN	5:11.95	1:16.93
100	105	RSA19780315	HOPKINS	Mark	RSA	5:39.91	1:44.89
101	30	AUS19810603	RENNIE	Nathan	AUS	14:02.02	10:07.00
	17	SWE19761026	ERIKSSON	Kristian	SWE	DNF	
	137	GUA19740823	MORALES	Jose	GUA	DNS	