



Results: Downhill - Femmes - Elite - Women - 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.

For Chausson, today's race was one of the toughest tests of her status, as the eight-time champion knew she'd have her work cut out for her, especially after having lost a world cup race last week. Chausson was also only the fifth-fastest qualifier, with Katja Repo (FIN) the second-fastest qualifier and **Marla Streb (USA)** the fastest. It looked like someone might end her amazing World's streak like it was ended today for Vouilloz, but Chausson's determination and strength saw her through to victory.



Anne-Caroline Chausson - FRA

34 women began the finals, and all finished - within a minute and a half of the winning time and all hoping to make the top-three positions and stand on the podium representing their national team. By the time Chausson came across the finish, **Elke Brutsaert (USA)** had been in the leader's seat for six finishers, until Anne-Caro crossed the line 4.2 seconds faster than the American. Two other *Americans*, **Missy Giove** and **Leigh Donovan** also missed her mark, letting her breathe just a bit easier.

But the race wasn't over, with the top-two qualifying women coming down the mountain, each coming within two seconds of her excellent time. First Repo crossed the line 1.13 seconds off and, by the time Marla Streb came down the mountain, Chausson was nervously sitting in the leader's chair - relieved when her time held once more and she won yet another rainbow jersey.

Chausson has won every world championship race in which she's entered, since winning the Jr. downhill in 1993, 1994 and finally 1995 before graduating to the senior ranks for her wins in 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999 and now in 2000. Repo was the silver medallist last year in Sweden, while Streb's best previous finish was 6th in last year's Worlds.

**Anne-Caroline Chausson, 1st Place;**

*"I gave my best, and had a pretty good run so if someone had beaten me it would have been tough. I'm really tired and it's hard for me to stand up right now. I had a lot of problems in practice Tuesday and Wednesday and didn't recognize parts of the course because I was working on my bike. If the race had been on Friday, I wouldn't be World Champion right now."*

**Katja Repo, 2nd Place:**

*"I did better than I expected, because this is a very fast course and I had some problems. So I'm very happy that I could ride this fast here. It was very windy at the top before I left, and three times it blew me off my line."*

**Marla Streb, 3rd Place:**

*"I feel very competitive, and I'm psyched. I'm going to win one of these. I tried, and pedaled so hard. The crowd was really quiet so I thought maybe I was going slow - I had been a bit slow in the qualifier in some turns."*

Ari Cheren



place	bib	UCIcode	name	nom	nat	t	t+
1	1	FRA19771008	CHAUSSON	Anne-Caroline	FRA	4:18.13	
2	3	FIN19730304	REPO	Katja	FIN	4:19.26	1.13
3	5	USA19650624	STREB	Marla	USA	4:20.03	1.9
4	11	USA19680805	BRUITSAERT	Elke	USA	4:22.33	4.2
5	16	FRA19810819	JONNIER	Sabrina	FRA	4:27.36	9.23
6	8	GBR19760801	MORTIMER	Helen	GBR	4:27.84	9.71
7	12	FRA19780223	LE CAER	Nolvenn	FRA	4:28.91	10.78
8	10	SUI19800725	JORGENSEN	Sari	SUI	4:29.56	11.43
9	2	USA19720120	GIOVE	Missy	USA	4:31.84	13.71
10	7	SUI19790825	STIEGER	Sarah	SUI	4:31.92	13.79
11	18	USA19700417	ELLIOTT	Cheri	USA	4:32.51	14.38
12	9	USA19690419	SHER	Lisa	USA	4:34.62	16.49
13	13	SWE19740824	LINDGREN	Malin	SWE	4:35.22	17.09
14	15	USA19761128	LLANES	Tara	USA	4:36.56	18.43
15	6	SUI19770322	SANER	Marielle	SUI	4:38.95	20.82
16	42	NZL19761015	QUIN	Vanessa	NZL	4:40.27	22.14
17	4	USA19711211	DONOVAN	Leigh	USA	4:41.66	23.53
18	19	GBR19751005	CROXON	Adele	GBR	4:42.81	24.68
19	25	CAN19740317	MEADE	Tera	CAN	4:45.71	27.58
20	24	GER19681231	KOBES	Britta	GER	4:46.17	28.04
21	32	BRA19800126	LOUREIRO	Patricia	BRA	4:46.43	28.3
22	21	CAN19751029	BLANCHER	Lorraine	CAN	4:48.15	30.02
23	14	AUT19670106	MOESER	Florentina	AUT	4:48.42	30.29
24	28	AUS19730215	MUXLOW	Tai-lee	AUS	4:48.87	30.74
25	41	JPN19761108	SAKAMOTO	Miwa	JPN	4:53.48	35.35
26	35	ESP19660404	SOLER	Fina	ESP	4:58.99	40.86
27	17	JPN19740606	MASUDA	Mami	JPN	4:59.51	41.38
28	20	CZE19780621	KURANDOVA	Helena	CZE	5:01.21	43.08
29	36	ESP19640130	GONZALES	Covadonga	ESP	5:01.57	43.44
30	29	AUS19700215	WEBB	Kylie	AUS	5:05.19	47.06
31	26	ARG19720810	TEOBALDO	Carolina	ARG	5:14.64	56.51
32	40	HUN19761020	KISS	Dalma	HUN	5:19.14	1:01.01
33	37	ESP19690124	SANFELIU GAYOSO	Mercedes	ESP	5:22.26	1:04.13
34	50	FIN19811102	HUOVIOLA	Henna	FIN	5:43.33	1:25.20