

UCI World Mountain Bike Championships Championnats du Monde du l'UCI- MTB

Report/Rapport: *Men/Hommes - Juniors Cross country - 17.9.1999 - 11.30-13.30*

Nicolas Filippi (FRA) took the gold medal on Friday in the Junior men's race with an opening-lap attack that outlasted both the field and the horrible race conditions. He crossed the line as France's first medal winner of this year's world championships, 1'19" ahead of second-placed **Carlos Coloma (ESP)**, and 1:56 ahead of **Florian Vogel (SUI)**, who crossed the line third.

Rain and cold wind pelted the world's fastest mountain bike racers in the 18 years and under category throughout the 29.7 km race.

Despite a crash in the first lap and a broken front shock in the final lap, Filippi was able to stay clear of the chasing group after his opening salvo in the first of three laps.

"It was very hard. The climbs were very long. I pushed hard at the start to get away from the other riders," said Filippi, a strong downhill racer who has trained with downhill world champion *Nicolas Vouilloz*. *"I never really felt threatened because after I went into the lead I kept my gap."*



The top 10 positions changed with each lap as riders moved forward and fell back. Spain's Coloma, who helped his squad win the team relay on Wednesday, held off any potential challenge from Vogel and claimed the silver medal. *"I started slowly on the first lap because I knew the race was very long. I worked hard in the race and passed riders one by one,"* said Coloma, from a small town in northern Spain near the Pyrenees. *"I had one problem with my chain on the final lap, but I didn't panic and it was OK."*

Vogel's third-place finish was a consolation for his flat tire in Wednesday's team relay. His Swiss team was leading when he flatted. *"I will be back. Maybe next year I will win. I didn't expect to medal today,"* he said. *"I thought maybe I would finish in the top five."*

Conditions were miserable for the junior race. Cold winds blasted this ski resort, some 200 kilometers south of the Arctic Circle. Rain turned the already technical course into a rooty, slippery nightmare. Dozens of riders went down in a steep descent in the first lap.

Maxim Gogolev (RUS) had a spectacular race. After crashing in the first lap, he worked his way through the top 20 to finish fifth at 4:54 back. He passed Cyclo-Cross Junior Champion **Matt Kelly (USA)** in the closing metres.

The American Kelly was in the hunt early on, nearly taking over third-place when he got mired in the mud on a slippery climbing section. He seemed to lose his momentum and crossed the line sixth at 4:59 back. *"I felt like I had excellent form today. I'm in the best shape of my life, but when I woke up this morning with the pouring rain, I knew I could only ride my best today and that's what I did. I knew it wasn't the best of conditions for me,"* Kelly said.

Flash Quotes:

1st **Nicolas Filippi**, France

About his race in general

"It was very hard... the climbs were very long... I pushed hard at the start to get away from the other riders...I was in the lead for most of the race..."

About his main challengers

"In the Junior category you never know... I never really felt threatened, because after I went into the lead I kept my gap."

When he started to believe he would win

"I was very concentrated all the way to the end. I did not start to believe I would win until the road section shortly before the finish."

2nd Carlos Coloma

About his race in general

"I started slowly because I just couldn't go any faster... lap by lap I got up to speed and passed riders one by one... I had one problem, which was with my chain on the final lap, but I did not panic and it was ok."

3rd Florian Vogel

How his race went

"I joined the leaders easily at the start of the race... I did not need all of my strength at the beginning, so I felt good towards the end... The German rider (Kaess) was not too far behind me at the end and so I was very aware of him."

On his form and his hopes

"After riding in the Team Relay on Wednesday I was very happy with my form, even if maybe unlucky in the race... I did not expect to win a medal today, I thought maybe I would finish in the top five."



<i>bib</i>	<i>place</i>	<i>name/nom</i>	<i>nat</i>	<i>t</i>	<i>t+</i>	<i>UCIcode</i>
2	1	FILIPPI, Nicolas	FRA	1:45:55		FRA19811021
14	2	COLOMA, Carlos	ESP	1:47:14	1:19	ESP19810928
4	3	VOGEL, Florian	SUI	1:47:51	1:56	SUI19820218
10	4	KAESS, Jochen	GER	1:49:41	3:46	GER19810505
111	5	GOGOLEV, Maxim	RUS	1:50:49	4:54	RUS19811026
48	6	KELLY, Matt	USA	1:50:54	4:59	USA19810816
33	7	GENZE, Hannes	GER	1:50:56	5:01	GER19811116
36	8	PHILLIPS-SCHOF, Richard	GBR	1:53:10	7:15	GBR19810220
38	9	WEBER, Markus	AUT	1:53:26	7:31	AUT19820206
13	10	KILLEEN, Liam	GBR	1:54:16	8:21	GBR19820412
76	11	KUSS, Daniel	GER	1:54:36	8:41	GER19821020
6	12	FRIBERG, Calle	SWE	1:55:01	9:06	SWE19810409
3	13	CRAIG, Adam	USA	1:56:09	10:14	USA19810815
15	14	WEISS, Michael	AUT	1:56:18	10:23	AUT19810117
90	15	BOUDNY, Pavel	CZE	1:56:26	10:31	CZE19821102
49	16	WEBER, Balz	SUI	1:57:01	11:06	SUI19810120
39	17	NIELSEN, Tommy	DEN	1:57:12	11:17	DEN19810331
53	18	VOKROUHLIK, Tomas	CZE	1:57:36	11:41	CZE19810426
69	19	CAPRON, Gael	FRA	1:58:29	12:34	FRA19810928
55	20	BOEHME, Tim	GER	1:59:08	13:13	GER19820702
26	21	FERGUSON, Walker	USA	1:59:12	13:17	USA19820226
118	22	KOREPANOV, Alexei	RUS	1:59:19	13:24	RUS19810329
9	23	MARTINEZ, Fernando	MEX	1:59:25	13:30	MEX19810514
109	24	BYNENS, Damien	BEL	1:59:42	13:47	BEL19820722
37	25	ALVAREZ, Ivan	ESP	2:00:00	14:05	ESP19811218
83	26	PRIBICEVIC, Jure	SLO	2:00:04	14:09	SLO19820920
8	27	HAKL, Oldrich	CZE	2:00:10	14:15	CZE19810901
29	28	BERNSTROM, Jocke	SWE	2:00:11	14:16	SWE19810701
32	29	CHAVEZ, Javier	MEX	2:00:14	14:19	MEX19810109
113	30	TAPIA, Sebastian	CHI	2:00:40	14:45	CHI19820809
78	31	MILLER, Brent	AUS	2:00:48	14:53	AUS19810419
70	32	REEVES, Skylar	USA	2:00:51	14:56	USA19810130
73	33	JOHANSSON, Andreas	SWE	2:01:13	15:18	SWE19820103
34	34	SPILLETH, Paal Einar	NOR	2:01:24	15:29	NOR19810513
63	35	LES, Bostjan	SLO	2:02:10	16:15	SLO19810706
31	36	KRUMP, Pavel	CZE	2:02:15	16:20	CZE19810606

35	37	BROWN, Dean	AUS	2:02:22	16:27	AUS19820420
52	38	ZANETTI, Paolo	ITA	2:02:29	16:34	ITA19820225
71	39	WIDMER, Jonas	SUI	2:02:45	16:50	SUI19810109
30	40	ZAMPATTI, Simone	ITA	2:03:01	17:06	ITA19811124
46	41	EGAN, Patrick	IRL	2:03:01	17:06	IRL19810704
57	42	MOLAN, Andrew	AUS	2:03:08	17:13	AUS19811019
19	43	BAJAK, Robert	SVK	2:03:49	17:54	SVK19810728
41	44	GRILC, Rok	SLO	2:04:11	18:16	SLO19821002
21	45	BOGDAN, Igor	UKR	2:04:27	18:32	UKR19810313
27	46	HEIGL, Ronald	SUI	2:05:05	19:10	SUI19810528
77	47	SKJAERSETH, Ole	NOR	2:05:19	19:24	NOR19810711
56	48	HEGGLAND, Johan	NOR	2:05:50	19:55	NOR19810402
12	49	MORONI, Jarrod	AUS	2:05:53	19:58	AUS19810730
93	50	SOLAR, Miha	SLO	2:06:05	20:10	SLO19820315
42	51	ORGONIK, Dusan	SVK	2:06:41	20:46	SVK19821109
18	52	HAFNER, Tomo	SLO	2:06:49	20:54	SLO19820423
28	53	SANCHAGRIN, Stephane	CAN	2:06:59	21:04	CAN19810903
89	54	GOZZI, Joakim	SWE	2:08:05	22:10	SWE19810514
7	55	PAOLI, Marco	ITA	2:08:45	22:50	ITA19810720
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23	58	ROSSOUW, Jacques	RSA	2:09:17	23:22	RSA19810415
24	59	GRAY, Ollie	IRL	2:10:35	24:40	IRL19820303
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110	64	BARDIS, Konstantinos	GRE	2:11:25	25:30	GRE19820802
66	65	DOURADO, Pedro	BRA	2:11:53	25:58	BRA19811013
54	66	CUESTA, Christian	MEX	2:12:09	26:14	MEX19820603
45	67	EICHENBERGER, Marcel	RSA	2:12:32	26:37	RSA19820202
85	68	KELLY, Scott	RSA	2:13:07	27:12	RSA19810319
92	69	DAHL EINUNG, Christian	NOR	2:13:36	27:41	NOR19810719
99	70	LAFONTAINE, Martin	CAN	2:14:20	28:25	CAN19820103
72	71	ODEGAARD, Peter	CAN	2:15:31	29:36	CAN19811226
68	72	MC NEILL, David	IRL	2:16:10	30:15	IRL19810429
50	73	DOUGLAS, Jamie	CAN	2:18:05	32:10	CAN19821107
88	74	WADE, Adam	CAN	2:19:15	33:20	CAN19810524
11	75	NESSET, Thomas	NOR	2:20:40	34:45	NOR19810502
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117	77	STAVRIDIS, Konstantinos	GRE	0	0	GRE19820807
5	78	FEDERAU, Ricky	CAN	0	0	CAN19811008
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20	78	FOMICKI, Piotr	POL	0	0	<i>POL19820531</i>
51	78	ANDERSSON, Tobias	SWE	0	0	<i>SWE19810114</i>
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86	78	CRAWFORD, Luke	IRL	0	0	<i>IRL19810912</i>
91	78	BRZEZINSKI, Fabian	GER	0	0	<i>GER19810701</i>
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116	78	AERNOUTS, Bart	BEL	0	0	<i>BEL19820623</i>
119	78	VEIKKANEN, Jussi	FIN	0	0	<i>FIN19810329</i>