

Round 1, Squaw Valley USA, July 19-20 1997

What can I find to say about this event. Amazing riders, amazingly hard sections, amazingly bad organization. Highlights mostly include watching the stunning level of riding by all of the top europeans, in all categories. I was most struck by the balance and control displayed by the bengamines and minimies, and by the all around ability of the top two women. Mio Suemasa of Japan and Gabriela Danikova of Slovakia. Their battle came down to one dab by the Japanese rider, and otherwise perfect runs by both. It seems that the gap from these two to the top american women is even larger than that for the men. The cadet category came down to a tie of one dab, with the eventual winner taking the event on time. If the Saturday sections we on the easy side for the top riders, the Sunday sections were most definitely hard, as the scores demonstrate. Cesar Canas took elite by only three points, and the Spanish team otherwise dominated the event. In stock, Petr Kraus had an amazing day, Maritn Ashton had a pleasant day, and Thierry Klinkenberg had a disastrous day. Although aknowledging his poor form, he suggested that the course was also stongly biased in favour of power, with less emphasis on balance. For the Americans, it was a day of dabs. Shaun Millar produced the strongest American performance in Expert, with only a poor showing on section 1 of the first lap keeping him out of the top three. Other than that, things were pretty abject, although Reid Rose won the thumb your nose at the silly BIU clothing rules contests, by sporting no shirt and a pair of slacks. The Canadians were worse though, with three DNF's due in some cases to illness, and others to general hoplessness. Ned Tudokovic should be congratulated for saving the national honor and finishing though. Here are the results, and in keeping with the spirit of bad organization, they may be completely wrong. I make no apologies for spelling or any other problems.

Place	Name	Points	Bike	Country
Max: 80				
POUSSIN CLASS:				
1.	Stephen Morgan	65	Monty	USA
2.	R. Tinellini	78	Megamo	BEL
Max: 80				
BENJIMIN CLASS:				
1.	Jernoni Fajardo	12	Megamo	SPAIN
2.	Kevin Jauniaux	16		BEL
3.	Maxime Tinellini	55	Monty	BEL
4.	Zac Maeda	72	GT	USA
5.	Jacob Wieland	80		USA
Max: 80				
MINIME CLASS				
1.	Iker Leceta	1	Monty	SPAIN
2.	Kenny Belaey	1	Monty	BEL
3.	Waclaw Skolavac	17		POLAND
4.	Tomasz Kramarczyk	27	Monty	POLAND
5.	Tim Moore	35	Monty	USA
6.	Alex Cubbage	38	Monty	USA
7.	Brian Maier	??	Megamo	USA
CADET CLASS				
Max: 100				
1.	Rafal Kumorowski	13	Monty	POLAND
2.	Eric Hernandez	14	Monty	SPN
3.	Danl Comas	24	Monty	SPN
4.	JJ Gregorowicz	36	Jamis (Monty)	USA
5.	Yoshimasa Nagaya	43	Monty	JPN

6.	Josep Trigueros	43	Monty	SPN
7.	Richie Houdek	91	?	USA
8.	Ned Tudakovic	98	?	CAN
9.	Ty Hathaway	100	?	USA

JUNIOR CLASS

Max: 100

1.	Jorge Gali	14 (??)	Monty	SPN
2.	Hajime Anma	50	Monty	JPN
3.	Eluaid Benitez	58	Monty	AND
4.	Walter Beill	72	?	ITA
5.	Reid Rose	79	Spooky	USA
6.	Gabe Bennett	78	Megamo	USA
7.	Dan Drain	81	?	USA
8.	Naoki Nagaya	85	Monty	JPN
9.	Juan Tirado	93	?	COL
10.	A J Lea	89	Jamis	USA

SENIOR CLASS

1.	Stefan Pcola	20	Monty	SLO
2.	Martin Mihal	25	Monty	SLO
3.	Martin Liska	26	Monty	CZE
4.	Kiminori Koshio	37	Monty	JPN
5.	Pier Paolo Petrinni	39	Monty	ITA
6.	Marc Rey	45	Monty	SPN
7.	David Danilo	46	Monty	GER
8.	Cesar Lafuente	57	Monty	SPN
9.	Jim Trigonis	59	Special	USA
10.	Jason Dunnahoe	65	GT	USA
11.	Marc Brooks	71	Trek	USA
12.	Kenny Stroub	74	GT	USA
13.	Aaron Faust	76	Special	USA
14.	Jason McLean	78	EWR	USA
15.	Liam Lee	83	?	USA
16.	Aaron DeGrassi	84	Monty	USA
17.	Tom Miller	85	?	USA
18.	Patricio Escobar	88	Monty	COL
19.	Jeff Goard	96	Monty	USA
20.	Nathan Gaddy	98	?	USA

EXPERT CLASS

Max: 80

1.	David Cachon	18	Scott (Megamo)	SPN
2.	Martin Kleivard	27	?	SWE
3.	Tomasz Wozniak	28	Monty	USA
4.	Ivan Vlla	32	?	AND
5.	Shaun Miller	33	Monty	USA
6.	Lance Trappe	39	Spooky	USA
7.	Martin Patriksson	46	?	SWE
8.	Jeff Lenosky	47	Schwinn	USA
9.	Doug White	??	?	USA
10.	Chris Guerrette	75	Heavy Tools	USA
11.	Matt Thomas	80	?	USA
12.	Ryan Leech	DNF	Norco	CAN

FEMINA CLASS

Max: 80

1.	Gabriela Danikova	0	Monty	SLOV
2.	Mio Suemasa	1	Monty	JPN
3.	Janka Lonenicada	24	?	SLOV

4.	Katarzyna Karmarczyk	66	Monty	POL
5.	Gina Grether	103	Monty	USA
6.	Annie Brown	103	?	USA
7.	Ginger Morel	109	Scott	USA

NB: These scoes are handicapped by age. The older the rider,
the higher the multiple for each point. Too bad for the Americans.

ELITE CLASS

Max: 100

1.	Cesar Canas	32	Monty	SPN
2.	Ot Pi	35	Monty	SPN
3.	Jorde Rubio	36	Monty	SPN
4.	Jirl Smidl	??	Monty	SPN
5.	Elias Bonet	47	Monty	SPN
6.	Peter Liska	53	Monty	CZE
7.	Marek Palous	55	Monty	CZE
8.	Isamo Hasekana	64	Monty	JPN
9.	Kazuhiro Onishi	64	Monty	JPN
10.	Jeromir Spesny	74	Monty	CZE

MASTER CLASS

Max: 80

1.	Petr Kraus	18	Heavy Tools	CZE
2.	Martin Simunek	31	Monty	CZE
3.	Martyn Ashton	33	Cannondale	UK
4.	Keigou Arizono	41	?	JPN
5.	David Ewerhard	47	?	BEL
6.	T Klinkenberg	52	Monty	BEL
7.	Martin Hawyes	60	Giant	UK