



MEDIA ADVISORY

PRESS CONFERENCE 2010 GREENVILLE HOSPITAL SYSTEM USA CYCLING PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Greenville, S.C. (Sept. 17, 2010) - Top contenders, managers and key partners related to the Greenville Hospital System USA Cycling Professional Championships gathered for a press conference Friday afternoon in the Greenville Hospital Systems Community Center. See below for a list of speakers and quotes from the event. Rights free photos also attached.

SPEAKERS: Chris Aronhalt, Managing Partner, Medalist Sports
Sean Petty, Chief Operating Officer, USA Cycling, Inc.
Ian Lawless, US Handcycling Federation
Robyn Zimmerman, Director, public & Community Relations, Greenville Hospital System
George Acker, SC Vice-President, Duke Energy Government and Community Relations
Liz Seman, Greenville County Council
David Sudduth, Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Greenville
Kevin Dunn, President, Palmetto Peloton Project
Oz Sanchez, Professional Handcyclist
George Hincapie (professional cyclist, Greenville, S.C./Team BMC)
Levi Leipheimer (professional cyclist, Santa Rosa, Calif./RadioShack)
Taylor Phinney (professional cyclist, Boulder, Colo./Team Trek-LIVESTRONG)
Ted King (professional cyclist, Brentwood, N.H./Cervelo Test Team)
Scott Stewart (professional cyclist, Oxford, Mich./Team Type 1)

QUOTES: **George Hincapie** (Five-time Olympian, 2nd-place Paris-Roubaix 2005, 15-time Tour de France veteran)
“Having the national championships here is a great way to showcase my favorite city in the world and my favorite sport. People always ask me why I live in Greenville. Once they come here and train here and check out the community, they understand why. It’s a great place to live.
Last year in the second to last corner Louder had a gap. It was all or nothing and I put it on the line and caught Jeff at around 500 (meters) to go. Bajadali came around, but I was able to sprint off his wheel.
Love it or hate it – Paris Mountain – I climb it every day, know it better than anyone. It’s a great road, hardly any traffic.
With more team support this year we’ll be able to put more guys in early moves.”

Levi Leipheimer (2008 Olympic bronze medalist – time trial, Tour de France 3rd place 2007, three-time Amgen Tour of California winner, 2007 USA Cycling Professional Road Race Champion)
“I’d love to win another national title. The road race is a fantastic course. It shows off Greenville really well. The support the city shows for the race is really inspiring. The crowds on Paris Mountain and when we came back through downtown, it was pretty awesome.
It will be young guy versus old guy in the TT tomorrow. It’s a great story.”

Taylor Phinney (2008 Olympian - individual pursuit, U23 Paris-Roubaix winner, Tour de L’Avenir prologue winner)



"I'm excited. This will be my first elite (road) national championships. I just finished the Tour de l'Avenir and that was pretty hard so I should have some good fitness this weekend. I don't really know what to expect. I would love for a podium finish, at least for the time trial and we'll see what happens on Sunday. I've beaten Levi before, but he was not wearing a skin suit...so I guess we'll see tomorrow. It's a long course, a hard course."

Sean Petty USA Cycling Chief Executive Officer

"We are honored to be back for our fifth year in Greenville. This has become an iconic event. Paris Mountain helps make a very challenging race, a very challenging course. Our goal was to crown a very worthy national champion and I think this course really helps do that. We can't thank Greenville enough. The support is phenomenal and the community has embraced this race and the riders.

We'd also like to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Pro Championships. Back then there were only around 12 American pros, now we have nearly 100 competing in this event. We've truly come full circle with a new generation of riders and a new level of American cycling."

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EVENT INFO: The USA Cycling Professional Individual Time Trial National Championship will be held Saturday, September 18, 2010. The Professional Road Race National Championship will be held Sunday, September 19, 2010. Over 300,000 spectators have watched the GHS USA Cycling Professional Championships in the past four years, and more than \$500,000 has been raised by the Palmetto Peloton Project (Stars & Stripes Challenge) events for cancer research, benefiting the Greenville Hospital System Cancer Center and the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

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About USA Cycling

Recognized by the United States Olympic Committee and the Union Cycliste Internationale, USA Cycling is the official governing body for all disciplines of competitive cycling in the United States, including road, track, mountain bike, BMX and cyclo-cross. As a membership-based organization, USA Cycling comprises 66,500+ licensees; 2,200 clubs and teams; and 34 local associations. The national governing body sanctions 2,650 competitive and non-competitive events throughout the U.S. each year and is responsible for the identification, development, and support of American cyclists. To learn more about USA Cycling, visit www.usacycling.org.