



News Release



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Top Names competing at New England Raceweek

Racing begins June 28th – through the finale July 6th

For Immediate Release – New England Raceweek, sponsored by Acquia and SugarCRM, begins this Saturday and extends across five states and nine days, features some of the top riders in country and teams from around the globe.

The week starts with a kids-only race in Winchester, Massachusetts, hosted by NEBC on June 28th from 9-1, and then moves into full swing at 2PM with the Cox Charities Cycling Classic, a one-mile criterium featured on the USAC National Racing Calendar, in the heart of downtown Providence, RI.

On Sunday, June 29th, the action moves to Newton, Massachusetts for the the Boloco Heartbreak Hill Grand Prix, a circuit race which includes the Boston Marathon's infamous "Heartbreak Hill," with races scheduled from 1 to 6 PM.

The Minuteman Road Club will host a Twilight Criterium on Monday, June 30th, 5:30 to 10PM, at the Thompson International Speedway in Thompson, Connecticut, and on Tuesday July 1, racers head to the Granite state to ride in the famous Exeter Criterium, the 26th annual, in downtown Exeter, New Hampshire from 6 to 8 PM.

The Fitchburg Longsjo Classic, celebrating its 49th year, concludes Raceweek with one of the premier National Racing Calendar events, a four-day stage race July 3 through 6 in and around the hills of Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

Spectators will see some of the country's top riders competing next week! Teams and racers registered at one or more of the events include:

Toyota United, featuring Dominique Rollin, a 6-time Canadian National Road Champion who recently won the Amgen Tour of California's epic Stage 4 and sprint leaders jersey; Chris Wherry, former U.S. National Road Champion; and Ivan Stevic from Serbia, the current World Road Race Champion.

Team Type 1, features Joe Eldrige (part of the 8-person corporate challenge team that won the 2007 Race Across America) as well as Shawn Milne, winner of the 2006 Fitchburg Longsjo Classic and the 2007 Tour of Taiwan and Chris Jones. Other members coming to New England include Jesse Anthony, multiple US National Cyclocross Junior Champion; Fabio Calabria, 2005 New Zealand Road Under 19 Champion; Daniel Holt, Multiple Collegiate National Champion; and Ian Macgregor, Multiple US National Road and Criterium Under 23 Champion.

Colavita/Sutter Home's roster includes last year's Cox Charities champion Alejandro Borrajo, as well as Davide Frattini, an Italian who won the 2001 Giro D'Italia (Tour of Italy) for elite pros under the age of 26, in addition to Sebastian Haedo, recent winner of the prestigious Tour of Somerville, and younger brother of J.J. Haedo of Team CSC, one of the best sprinters in the world. Gustavo Artacho two-time Argentinian Olympian and Anthony Colby, the winner of the 2007 KOM International Tour de Toona will also appear.

Local hero Tim Johnson from Massachusetts, racing with Health Net Maxxis is a multiple US National Cyclocross Champion, including 2007, and Mt. Washington Hill Climb Champion. His teammates Matt Cooke, the 2006 Elite National Road Race Championship, and John Murphy, who is ranked fifth on the 2008 NRC Men's Standings will also appear.

Kelly Benefit Strategies, led by New England native Justin Spinelli, who has previously competed in the Giro d'Italia, will also be racing.

Mark McCormack of Team Fuji, a former U.S. National Road Champion, Cox Charities Cycling Classic and Fitchburg Longsjo Classic winner, will be joined by his brother Frank, who won the Cox race in 2005 and the Fitchburg Longsjo Classic twice in the 1990's.

Ben Gabardi from Hincapie-Barkleydevo, who is the 2007 13/14 Jr. National TT and Criterium Champion, will be racing

Jonathan Page from Battley HARLEY-DAVIDSON/Sonoma, the 2005 Fitchburg Longsjo Classic Men's Champion, will be back.

Ted King from Bissell Pro Cycling Team, who is currently ranked third on 2008 NRC Men's Standings, will race.

2002 National Collegiate Road Race Champion and 2003 National Collegiate Criterium and Omnium Champion Robbie King will be riding for Rite Aid pb Shebell & Shebell. And teammate Jake Rytlewski, the winner of the 2007 Fitchburg Longsjo Classic will be defending his title.

In the women's field, appearances include Laura Van Gilder from Cheerwine Cycling, a multiple Longsjo stage winner and NRC Champion, including 2007, and a 2000 US National Criterium Champion.

Colavita/Sutter Home p/b Cooking Light 's Dotsie Bausch, the 2007 National Individual Pursuit Champion and Team Pursuit Champion, and former Bronze Medal Time Trial winner of the Pan American Championship, will be joined by riding partners Kristin McGrath, the 2007 Collegiate Road Nationals Team Time Trial and Tina Pic, multiple Fitchburg Longsjo stage winner, NRC Champion, US National Criterium Champion, Multiple Pan American Road Race Champion, and 2007 US Open Cycling Championships.

Kathryn Bertine from St. Kitts and Nevis National Team, will be racing – she is also making her bid for the 2008 Olympics.

Jacquelyn Crowell, Team Kenda Tire, is a Junior National Road and TT Champion, will be joined by Anne Guzman, the 2006 Can Am Pursuit Championships, and Jacqueline Kurth, a Junior National Road Champion and TT & Crit Medalist.

Michaela Anderson from Team Budget Forklifts, eight-time Australian Junior National Champion will also be riding.

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