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INTERNATIONAL TEAMS ANNOUNCED FOR 2007 UNIVEST GRAND PRIX

Teams from Germany, Italy, Columbia, and Hungary to join North America's top pros

SOUDERTON, Pa., August 22, 2007 – Uninvest Corporation and Sparta Cycling, Inc., the organizer of the Uninvest Grand Prix, has announced the 26 pro and elite cycling teams invited to the tenth annual edition of this North American Pro Classic. The 107.3-mile road race will be held on September 8, 2007, with the start and finish in Souderton, Pennsylvania. On Sunday, September 9, the circuit race will be held on a 1.4-mile course in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. Pro racers from Navigators Insurance and Slipstream Sports, two UCI professional teams based in the U.S., will join an international field of 180 racers. Also invited are top UCI pro teams from Mexico, Italy, Germany, Hungary, Columbia, and Canada.

“This is an event very much focused on a North American cycling class,” said race director John Eustice. “We have the best racers in all of North America coming. That includes Mexico and Canada, with racers like Canadian Martin Gilbert, from the Kelly Benefit Strategies-Medifast team who just won the U.S. pro criterium title, Fausto Munoz from the Mexican Tecos team, who won the most aggressive rider award at last year’s Uninvest Grand Prix, and Dominic Rollin, a powerful French Canadian sprinter who races for the Kodak Gallery-Sierra Nevada Brewing Company team. The race roster is loaded. It’s going to be a good race.”

The Navigators Insurance cycling team and Team Slipstream bring both fire power and depth with their team line-ups. The top UCI teams in the U.S., Navigators is currently ranked fourth overall on the Pro Tour, with Slipstream in eighth. Directed by former pro cyclist Jonathan Vaughters, Slipstream is slated to race in the 2008 Tour de France.

Navigators will be led by Sergey Lagutin (Uzbekistan), who currently sits sixth overall on the Pro Tour after finishing second at the Lancaster Classic in June; and Phil Zajicek (Tucson, AZ), winner of the 2007 Cascade Cycling Classic stage race in Oregon in July and the 2007 Iron Horse Bicycle Classic in the mountains of southwestern Colorado in May. Slipstream will be led by Pat McCarty, who took second at the 2007 U.S. Open Cycling Championships in April, and former world U-23 time trail champion Danny Pate (Colorado Springs, Colo.).

“Pate is a heavy favorite,” said Eustice. “This race really suits him. But it’s not a given that Navigators or Slipstream will win. We have 12 or 13 power teams coming. That’s a lot. Any one of them could win the Uninvest Grand Prix.”

Other invited teams include Martin Gilbert’s Kelly Benefit Strategies-Medifast team and Dominique Rollin’s Kodak Gallery-Sierra Nevada Brewing Company team. The Rite Aid team, in ninth in U.S. Pro Tour standings just three points behind Slipstream, brings Alejandro Borrajo (Argentina), as well as local favorites Josh Taylor (Alburtis, Penn.) and Stephan Kincaid (Pottstown, Penn.). Eustice describes Borrajo, an excellent sprinter who finished fifth overall in the points competition in the 2004 Giro d’Italia, as “the most dangerous rider in the race.”

Toyota-United’s team is led by 2007 world B champion Ivan Stevic (Serbia), 2006 Uninvest Grand Prix third place finisher Sean Sullivan (Tasmania), and veteran Henk Vogels (Australia).

“Toyota-United is bringing their very best team to the Uninvest Grand Prix,” said Eustice.

Italian team Kio Ene-Tonazzo, a feeder team for top European pro team Acqua Sapone, is led by director Alberto Elli, who wore the Tour de France’s yellow jersey for four days in 2000. The lead rider is Mattia Gavazzi, son of Piero Gavazzi, three-time Italian national champion and winner of Milan-San-Remo in 1980.

Other international teams include the German Team Sparkasse, led by former track world champion Christian Lademann, P-Nivo Betonexpressz 2000 from Hungary, Tecos de la Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara from Mexico, Caico Cycling team from Colombia, and Equipe Vallee de ‘Laluminium de Vinci from Canada.

The Uninvest Grand Prix is a stop on the prestigious UCI America Tour and USA Cycling Pro Tour. Modeled after the one-day classics of Europe, the 107.3-mile road race opens with a 68-mile loop traversing 18 municipalities throughout Bucks and Montgomery counties before hitting the decisive finishing circuits in Souderton. The next day’s circuit race, the Uninvest Grand Prix of Doylestown, will be held on an expanded 1.4-mile course that encircles the historic Victorian town and highlights its arts festival. Both races feature grueling but exciting uphill finishes.

WFMZ, a television station in Allentown, Pa., will broadcast live coverage of the entire road race from the start at 10:30 a.m. through the finish at 3:00 p.m. Spectators will be able to view the race in its entirety from a Jumbotron at the start-finish line on Main Street in Souderton. Race fans around the world will be able to watch the final two hours of North America’s pro classic race on Cycling.tv, in what will be the internet television channel’s first-ever live event from North America. In addition to live TV, post-race coverage will be broadcast on NBC-10 in Philadelphia on Sunday, September 23 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., with other NBC affiliates signing on to the broadcast (TBA).

The races will be complemented by a broad array of community events and activities. The popular Cyclosporitif 100K recreational ride will return on Saturday, September 8, giving participants an opportunity to challenge themselves on the racecourse of the Univest Grand Prix.

2007 Univest Grand Prix Team Roster

UCI Professional Continental teams:

Navigators Insurance (USA)

Team Slipstream (USA)

UCI Continental teams:

Tecos de la Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara (Mexico)

Kio Ene-Tonazzo (Italy)

Team Sparkasse (Germany)

P-Nivo Betonexpressz 2000 (Hungary)

Caico Cycling (Colombia)

Equipe Vallee de 'Laluminium de Vinci (Canada)

AEG-Toshiba-JetNetwork (USA)

Colavita-Sutter Home (USA)

Jittery Joe's (USA)

Kelly Benefit Strategies/Medifast (USA)

Kodak Gallery-Sierra Nevada (USA)

Rite Aid (USA)

Team Nerac (USA)

Toyota-United (USA)

International Amateur teams:

CRCA/Sakonnet Technology (USA)

Fiordifrutta (USA)

TIME Factory Development Team (USA)

CRCA/Empire (USA)

GS Mengoni (USA)

Cycling Center (Belgium)

CCB/Volkswagon (USA)

Meredith Group-GPOA-Cannondale (USA)

PA Lightning (USA)

Jet Fuel Coffee (Canada)

About Univest Grand Prix:

Patterned after the great classic races of Europe, the Univest Grand Prix reaches out to nearly 20 communities. From its inception, the cycling event was developed to provide opportunities for young athletes to advance, while also uniting the towns throughout Bucks and Montgomery counties for a community celebration. Over the last 10 years, it has grown to become one of the nations top UCI-ranked races. The pro event is presented by: Univest Corporation of Pennsylvania, Leidy's Premium Pork Products, Bergey's Dealerships, Doylestown Hospital, Landis Supermarkets, Comcast Sportsnet, WFMZ-69, NBC-10 and *The Intelligencer*. For more information visit www.univestgrandprix.com.

About Univest Corporation:

Univest Corporation and its subsidiaries, Univest National Bank and Trust Co., Univest Insurance, Inc., and Univest Investments, Inc., provide support and leadership in their communities and offer a wide range of financial services to individuals, businesses, municipalities and nonprofit organizations throughout Bucks, Chester and Montgomery counties. For more information, visit www.univest.net.

About Sparta Cycling:

Sparta Cycling provides race promotion services to deliver world class events that meet the needs of sponsors, teams and riders, spectators and supporting communities. For more information, please visit www.spartacycling.com.

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