

Team Report

Fulton Flyers Development Team Update / Dedicated to Young Cyclists in Georgia

2008 Summer Update

This update covers racing from May to August for all of our Development Teams.

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The Fulton Flyers Development Teams thank Land Rover Gwinnett for four years of support! Steve Bezier and his crew have become both friends as well as sponsors. They have rolled out the red carpet to us every year for our Launch Parties and end of season banquets. They have been the “home” of the Fulton Flyers Devo!



Selected Race Results

U.S. Collegiate Road Nationals (Fort Collins, CO) May 9-11



Carla Swart (Lees-McRae) stunned the Div1 Women in the Road Race, winning after over 50 miles off the front in a group of seven. With a Team Time Trial 5th and Criterium 4th she won the Women’s Omnium and her school the Div 1 title. Carla’s performances won her a spot on the Ryan Collegiate All-Stars that competed at the Nature Valley Grand Prix, where she placed 14th in the main road race.

Thomas Brown (Emory University) rode to 32nd in a very difficult road race, and took a late flyer in the Criterium to grab 3rd in Division 2 men.

Festival of Speed (Dick Lane Velodrome, East Point, GA) May 10

Oscar Clark and Joey Rosskopf switched on the track legs for a night, with Oscar taking 3rd overall and Joey 11th. They paired up to grab 3rd in the Madison, with Oscar winning the Snowball event ahead of five local pro riders.

Tour of Atlanta (Atlanta, GA) May 22-26

The word “domination” is adequate for the U23 Elite squad’s performance in the inaugural Tour of Atlanta. Racing in the Category 2 event, the four man team of Jafer Beizer, Joey Rosskopf, Oscar Clark and Thomas Brown grabbed the four top overall spots, as well as winning all four stages.

The team was reinforced in the Team Time Trial with two of our juniors – Michael Stone and Nick Savadellis. Having seen these riders race since they were 15 to 16 years old, it was rather chilling to see their performance in this hotly contested four day stage race.

Georgia Cup Premier Series – Union City (GA) May 31-June 1

This race proved to be another display of team tactics by the Fulton Flyers U23 Elite team. With a 4th place in the opening Time Trial, Oscar Clark took control of the weekend as the team’s Thomas Brown won the Criterium. The Flyers were a double threat with Joey Rosskopf scoring 6th in the Time Trial, and is known as a great Criterium rider and Road Racer. The stage was set for a very exciting finale on Sunday.

The final stage doubled as the Georgia State Road Race, and Jafer Beizer was out to defend his jersey as well as defend Oscar’s overall lead. Joey was looking to cover the breaks and create havoc as an overall contender, and Thomas Brown knows well the finish of this road race, having won it as Cat 3. The Fulton Flyers were the team to watch.

An early break including Oscar took hold. Joey and Jafer covered moves, and Jafer followed a successful bridge by Ty Magner late in the race. This took Jafer to the front of the race, where he was barely beat at the line by Ty for the state title. Oscar finished close behind for 7th to take the overall win, with Joey in 12th to take 4th overall!

Our Juniors fared well racing in the Cat 2 Stage Race as well, with Michael Stone 12th, Matt Lipscomb 18th and Will McGinnis 23rd in the Criterium. Will also placed 31st in the Cat 2 Road Race. In the TT Matt 12th, Will 13th and Michael 15th. Excellent riding by these young men, and a great opportunity for them to compete alongside our U23 guys – they are doing the team proud as the third wave of Fulton Flyers Devo riders.

Brownstown Road Race (Brownstown, PA) June 28

The U23 team spent most of the summer training and racing in the Kutztown, PA area, where they raced at the Lehigh Valley Velodrome (Trexlerstown, PA) as well. The southern boys showed the locals how to handle head and humidity, with the team taking 3rd (Joey), 4th (Oscar), 6th (Jafer) and 13th (Thomas). A good omen for Fitchburg!

49th Fitchburg Longsjo Classic (Fitchburg, MA) July 3-6



The U23 Elite Men again showed superior team work in this historic July 4th weekend event. With Oscar Clark leading the GC effort with 14th in the TT and first road stage, Jafer Beizer suffered mechanical problems and offered up his full effort to the team. In the final two stages he laid out full efforts to keep Thomas Brown up front, a position from which Thomas then powered to victory both days.

Carla Swart raced Pro Women as a guest with a top pro team. She took the Points Leader jersey on Stage 2 and held it until an opposing team put up a “human wall” in stage 4 to keep her out of the sprints. She still captured enough points to take second and 43rd overall.

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In 2008 Kudzu.com provided the backing necessary for a Fulton Flyers Elite U23 team. The team continues where the junior development program leaves off, bringing together a core roster of some of the strongest U23 riders in the southeast. All of the riders have a demonstrated ability to be competitive at top national events.

The team’s younger riders are Joey Roskopf and Oscar Clark, both of whom finished in the top 10 at junior road nationals in 2007 and were part of the Southeast Regional Tour de l’Abitibi team. The team’s experience is in Jafer Beizer and Thomas Brown, both former members of the FFCC junior team. Jafer is the Georgia State Cat 2 RR champion while Thomas earned a top 3 placing at Collegiate Criterium Nationals in 2008.

SuperWeek (Eastern Wisconsin) July 11-27

A solid ten days of Pro level racing for the U23 Elites, with all of the riders taking top 20 finishes. Racing against the top U.S. professional riders the U23 showed a lot of maturity in infiltrating breaks on a daily basis. Our guys were active and showed their strength in breakaways almost every event. The team wrapped up early to prepare for U23 Nationals.

Georgia Games Road Race and Criterium (Atlanta, GA) July 12-13

A great weekend for the Juniors and Aspirants of the Fulton Flyers Devo group. At the Road Race Elizabeth Lee started the day on a positive note in the Women, establishing the break and finishing in 3rd. Brett Dance showed a clean pair of wheels for his first win (in his first season) in the Men 5 race. Michael Stone came very close to winning in the uphill sprint as well in Men 3, finishing in second by a close margin, with teammate Cody Hall in 20th. Cameron Kennington battled at the front of the Men 4 finishing 20th.

Sunday's Criterium saw more success with Elizabeth again on the podium with a well-timed sprint for 2nd. Fulton Flyers Juniors dominated with Michael Stone, Matt Lipscomb, Kyle Cochran and Dylan DeGan taking 1st – 4th respectively, with Cameron Kennington in 7th. Matt then jumped into the Cat 3 race to help Brian Ceballos win.

USA Cycling Road Nationals (Santiago Canyon, CA) August 6-10

U23 Elite:

Oscar Clark and Joey Roskopf gave fine performances in the U23 Elite Time Trial on August 6, placing 23rd and 36th respectively. Both felt a bit below par due to travel and the heat. Peter Stetina of the Garmin/Chipotle Professional Team was the winner.

The Road Race came on August 10, and this was a big race! Over 130 U23 Elite Men started the Road Race in extreme heat and facing big climbs. Joey Roskopf and Oscar Clark lead the team with 49th and 54th place, respectable but below their expectations based on their time trial performances. The level of competition combined with the high amount of travel over the summer left them off the pace of the front group. The race was won by Kirk Carlsen of VMG, with Garmin/Chipotle professionals Peter Stetina and Thomas Peterson rounding out the podium.

Junior Men:

Seven Fulton Flyers Devo Junior Men traveled to Southern California for Road Nationals, and competed in all three events – Time Trial, Road Race and Criterium:

Sean Cochran, Matt Lipscomb, Michael Stone, Will McGinnis, Kyle Cochran, Nick Savadelis and Dylan DeGan. Complete results are listed on the next page.

Complete Results for FFCC Junior Men at the U.S. National Road Championships

Time Trial

- 13 – 14 Men 28th Sean Cochran
- 15 – 16 Men 9th Matt Lipscomb
- 17 – 18 Men 16th Michael Stone
- 17 – 18 Men 49th Will McGinnis
- 17 – 18 Men 77th Kyle Cochran
- 17 – 18 Men 93rd Nick Savadelis
- 17 – 18 Men 97th Dylan DeGan

Criterium

The Junior Criterium was held on a “pancake flat” parking lot with some dicey turns.

- 13 – 14 Men 37th Sean Cochran (bad luck – he was on the eventual winners wheel with 500 meters to go when he flatted!)
- 15 – 16 Men 31st Matt Lipscomb
- 17 – 18 50th Dylan DeGan
- 17 – 18 Men 59th Michael Stone (crashed while off the front)
- 17 – 18 Men 64 Kyle Cochran
- 17 – 18 8 Men 80th Nick Savadelis
- 17 – 18 Men 88th Will McGinnis

Road Race

- 13 – 14 Men 33rd Sean Cochran
- 15 – 16 Men 23rd Matt Lipscomb
- 17 – 18 Men 34th Will McGinnis
- 17 – 18 Men 70th Kyle Cochran
- 17 – 18 Men 71st Michael Stone
- 17 – 18 Men 108st Nick Savadelis

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