

Team Report

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



We Are Growing!

We apologize for the delay in this update. We are anxiously awaiting confirmation of sponsors for 2008, and held the update in the hope to include all of them in this edition. Many of our sponsors have confirmed for next year, and we look forward to more of them joining us as well.

We are expanding to include an Elite Men U23 squad, with a maximum of six Category 1 & 2 riders. Our emphasis is on riders that are or have been in our junior program. This addition requires a higher level of sponsorship and support, and is the next logical step for our team to fill the void of local U23 teams.

We look to our existing sponsors to increase their participation for 2008 as our team grows. Most of you have received a sponsorship proposal from us - please take time to consider our 2008 request.

The 2008 Team currently includes six Elite U23 Men, eighteen junior men, six women, and five new coaches. See below for the Fulton Flyers Development Team Staff listing. If you are not listed and want to take a more active role in the team please contact us at: ffccjuniors@comcast.net !

We feel our future is bright! The Fulton Flyers are working hard to continue on our course of continuous improvement and sustainable growth. We feel there is no shortage of athletes interested in the sport of cycling, and we are a major force in growing junior cycling in Georgia. More teams must add development programs in order to grow the sport.

We are involved with local race promoters to increase their inclusion of junior specific races. We feel this is critical to attract and retain young athletes in competitive cycling. An increase in riders increases the level of competition and the interest of parents and sponsors.

Race Report

Carla Swart takes 3rd in Short Track and 4th in Cross-Country at Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships! Her college, Lees-McRae located in Banner Elk, NC, hosted the championships October 27 & 28. The pressure was on the home team and Carla came through with two big rides. Look for her on the podium at cyclo-cross Nationals this December in Kansas City!

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Pro / Elite men sprint to the finish



Rose Mauney in the Festival of Speed

Need for Speed and Festival of Speed – September 21 & 22

The Fulton Flyers hosted a weekend of racing at the Dick Lane Velodrome in Atlanta. Friday night featured the top sprinters. Flyers' **Oscar Clark** won the 10 Lap "Dash for Cash" and 2nd in the 5 Lap "Dash", but failed to qualify for the sprint finals (top 12 riders). **Rose Mauney** placed 5th in Women sprints and 6th in their five lap "dash".

Saturday night was the "Big Show" – Australian pro Jeff Hopkins, Masters World Champion Steve Hill & PanAm Champion Emile Abrahms put on a display of true speed. **Oscar Clark** placed 10th overall with outstanding rides in the Unknown (4th) and Miss-n-Out (5th). **Rose Mauney** was 10th in Women and Brian Sullivan 10th in Men B.

West Oxmoor (AL) Cyclo-Cross – October 7

An old-fashioned "jungle cross" with two creek crossings and three log obstacles. This played well to Oscar Clark's agility as he made the winning move in the final lap to take his first Pro-1-2 cross win.

UCI Cross in Cincinnati (OH) – October 13-14

Oscar Clark took the plunge into the world of UCI Elite Men racing this weekend. both races were won by Barry Wicks, one of the best professional crossers in the U.S., and featured fast grassy sections along with two sand pits.

Oscar showed his potential with 20th on Day One, after starting at the back of a star-studded 60 man field. He was riding top 15 on Day Two when he joined others in a mid-race crash in the sand pit. The sand rendered his rear shifter useless and he finished out of the top 30.



Oscar Clark

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Georgia Cross Series Opening Race October 21

The Men's CX 1/2 field saw a tight battle with the top three sprinting it out to finish only inches apart. Young Oscar Clark nipped the others at the line for his second cross win of the season. Equally impressive was Christian's 6th place ride. After being knocked into last place in a first lap crash, Christian went through the field like the proverbial knife-through-butter to make the front group. In Women 4, Elizabeth Lee rode an outstanding race to make the podium, and looks to be a contender for the State Championships this year. In his first race as Fulton Flyer Will McGinnis placed 9th in Men CX4.

Christian Parrett Races with U.S. Junior National Team in Belgium

After a successful domestic season that included fourth in the National TT and the Tour de l'Abitibi TT, Christian joined the U.S. National Team in Belgium for three weeks in August. With seven races in 20 days it was an immersion in cycling-mad Flanders.

The first race was typical Flanders, with 11 laps on a seven kilo circuit. Christian was aggressive from the start, but missed the move that "stuck". Small groups tried to bridge and the race blew to pieces, and Christian survived a late race crash for 25th. As is typical for Belgian races, attrition was high and only fifty riders finished on the lead lap.

A few days later he was again aggressive, but flatted mid-race which ended his day. Then off to Kooigem, where Christian animated the 90k race early and joined an eleven strong break after 30k. With 15k remaining the group was clear, and Christian then soloed for 5k before being caught. It came down to a sprint and Christian finished 10th.

In the remainder of the races Christian mainly worked for his teammates, and experienced hard racing over cobbles for the first time. The team also trained on the velodrome in Brugge and toured the town of Oostende on the North Sea.

Oscar Clark Selected by Sonic Racing-SRAM-Jittery Joe's-Garneau for UCI Cross

With the team's blessings, Oscar will compete for the Sonic Racing Elite Cyclo-Cross team at UCI races this fall. This provides Oscar the full race-day support required for success at the Elite level. He will compete for Sonic at the UCI events in Louisville (KY), Trenton (NJ), Portland (OR) as well as Nationals in Kansas City. Oscar is one of three riders on the team that placed in the top 7 at the 2007 Junior Cyclo-Cross Nationals.

The team is racing SRAM Force with DoubleTap, as Oscar did all season on the road, and Panaracer Cross Blasters tires. Jittery Joe's is also a sponsor of the Fulton Flyers.

Flyers Back to Roots at Dick Lane Velodrome!

The Fulton Flyers Cycling Club was born in Atlanta's landmark Manual's Tavern in 1996. The club was founded by a group of "trackies" as a racing club and to operate the Dick Lane Velodrome (DLV). So, it was a homecoming weekend of sorts at the races held September 21 & 22. Original Flyers Brian Sullivan and Wayne Whitesides took to the track like "back in the day", Jeff Dominic worked the scoring and Craig Barber gave his twin one-year old boys their first tour of the infield.

The track was built in 1975 with Bikecentennial funding. It was sponsored by and named for the Honorable Dick Lane, an East Point native that served in the Georgia House of Representatives for 28 years. DLV is sometimes confused with the temporary wooden track that was erected in Stone Mountain Park for the 1996 Olympics.

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The track racing community thrives in Atlanta, with weekly races held from April through September, as well as at least four major race weekends. The fifth mile track provides excellent mass start race excitement with long straights and 34 degree banking. Flyers Devo Team manager Lamar Mauney celebrated his 30 years of track racing at the Festival of Speed, having first raced at DLV in 1977!

Odds & Ends

InterContinental – Holiday Inn Express – support the team by making InterContinental Hotels (ICH) your hotels of choice, particularly Holiday Inn Express! By connecting to any InterContinental Hotel website from our website, then booking your online, the team receives a commission – no cost to you! See ICH links at www.fultonflyerscycling.org – and support the team in this unique and unlimited sponsorship!

Georgia Cross Series - Keep up with our progress in the series at www.georgia-cross.com We are riding well and are third in team competition. Thus far, these riders have competed: Elizabeth Lee, Kyle Cochran, Oscar Clark, Will McGinnis, Everett Lindner, Lamar Mauney, 2008 Flyer Jansen Lindner and alumni Jafer Beizer.

Website Highlights – Be sure to check our website frequently at www.fultonflyerscycling.org - we are working hard to keep our website updated. Please let us know how we can improve!

2008 Fulton Flyers Team Staff

Board of Directors
Lamar Mauney – President
Craig Barber - Treasurer
Steve Foley - Secretary
Brian Sullivan - Track Racing & Creative Director

Elite U23 Men's Team (new for 2008)

Jeremy Hutchison-Krupat - Team Manager
John Kelly – USA Cycling Category One Coach
Ken Rosskopf - Coach

Junior Men's Team

Scott Cochran - Team Manager
Terry DeGan - Team Assistant
Russell Lipscomb – Coach
Shey Lindner Team – Assistant
Kari Lindner – Sponsorship Coordinator

Junior/U23 Women's Team

Lamar Mauney - Team Manager
Tom Wechsler – Coach

Masters Team

Craig Barber - Team Manager