

2007 Amgen Tour of California Announces First Three Professional Road Cycling Teams Entered for February 2007 Race

First U.S. Professional Race of the Season Set for February 18-25 includes stop in San Jose

LOS ANGELES, November 29, 2006 – Three of the world's top professional road cycling teams will compete in the 2007 Amgen Tour of California scheduled for February 18-25, 2007, including a stage finish in San Jose. Shawn Hunter, president of AEG Sports, the promoter and operator of the 650-mile, eight-stage cycling race modeled after the Tour de France, made the announcement today.

The Discovery Channel Pro Cycling Team, Team CSC and Predictor-Lotto are the first of the expected 16 professional cycling teams to be announced for the second annual race, which was attended by more than 1.3 million spectators in 2006.

"The level of competition returning for the second annual **Amgen Tour of California** rivals any race in the world and proves that cyclists and fans alike are hungry for this caliber of racing in America," said Shawn Hunter, president of AEG Sports. "We are excited to welcome many of the best teams in cycling back to California to compete on another world-class course."

Discovery Channel Pro Cycling Team

With the popularity of former team member Lance Armstrong and the addition this season of top-U.S. cyclist Levi Leipheimer, who hails from California, Team Discovery is one of the most recognized teams in the field. Coming off the 2006 season with 26 victories and 42 podiums, Discovery rode their way to team classification wins at the Vuelta a España and the Tour de Georgia. Individual riders secured stage wins and wore Leader's Jerseys in all three European Grand Tour races this year.

Closely following Team CSC in the 2006 Amgen Tour of California, Discovery took second place in the team classification, with George Hincapie (USA) securing two stage wins, including the Stage 3 road race from Martinez to San Jose, to finish fourth overall.

"Our Team has always enjoyed coming to California for our training camps, so when the Amgen Tour of California was announced last year, I did not hesitate to put it on our schedule," said Johan Bruyneel, directeur sportif of the Discovery Channel Pro Cycling Team. "I was very impressed with the organization and the crowds on the roads in just the first year of the race. Being an American Team, we are excited to come back again in 2007."

Team Discovery will hold its pre-season training camp in areas near Solvang, Calif. Many of the Santa Barbara county roads these teams will use during training will be part of the official 2007 race route, which will be announced in December.

Team CSC

With a first-place team classification finish in the 2006 Amgen Tour of California, Team CSC will be back to defend its title in 2007.

Team CSC performed well in the 2006 Amgen Tour of California, not only at the team level, but with individual riders taking honors as well. David Zabriskie (USA) came in second overall in last year's race and Bobby Julich (USA) took home third place overall. With the recent addition of Juan José Haedo (Argentina) from Toyota-United Pro Cycling Team, who won stages one and four in the 2006 Amgen Tour of California, Team CSC continues to strengthen its roster in preparation for the season ahead.

"The **Amgen Tour of California** is an event that complements our style of racing – we like to ride aggressively and the course allows for that," said Bjarne Riis, directeur sportif of Team CSC. "Last year we proved our strength in this race as the first place team overall, and we are looking forward to another challenging race in 2007."

Predictor-Lotto

Predictor-Lotto, formerly Davitamon-Lotto, finished third overall in the 2006 Amgen Tour of California, assisted by Cadel Evans' (Australia) seventh place overall finish. Also racing last year for the team were California resident "Fast Freddie" Rodriguez (USA) and California native Chris Horner (USA).

"We are excited to be returning to the **Amgen Tour of California** in 2007," said Marc Sergeant, team manager of Predictor-Lotto. "We look forward to another exhilarating week of cycling in California in February."

Amgen's invaluable support of the 2006 Amgen Tour of California helped ensure its impact beyond the sporting arena. As the returning title sponsor of the 2007.

Amgen Tour of California, Amgen, based in Thousand Oaks, CA, continues to raise awareness and support for people living with cancer through the Breakaway from Cancer™ education and fundraising initiative. Last year, Amgen raised more than \$1 million to support The Wellness Community, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing free support, education and hope for all people affected by cancer. This year, in addition to The Wellness Community, the initiative also will support the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, the oldest survivor-led cancer advocacy organization in the country. Fundraising activities include charity bicycle rides in Washington D.C. (November 12), San Francisco (December 3) and Thousand Oaks (December 11). All proceeds benefit both non-profit organizations. For more information about Breakaway from Cancer™ and the upcoming charity rides, visit www.breakawayfromcancer.com.

For more information about the Amgen Tour of California, please visit www.amgentourofcalifornia.com. The site includes updated race information as well as official merchandise, including a limited edition commemorative Amgen Tour of California F75 bike, complete with a custom paint job and certificate of authenticity.

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