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### **Astana sets plans for final three races of the season**

Astana is wrapping up its season with three more races. Two will be in Italy this weekend including the Giro dell'Emilia on October 13 and the GP Beghelli on October 14 in Monteveglio. The team will head there after the Coppa Sabatini, thereby giving Gregory Rast, Michael Schär, Maxim Iglinsky, Andrey Mizourov and Serguei Yakovlev a final chance to showcase their skills before the end of the season.

For the final race, Astana will head down under for the Jayco Herald Sun Tour from October 14 to 21. Seven riders will contest eight stages among which a prologue, a time-trial and a final stage for sprinters in the streets of Melbourne, are waiting for the 14 invited teams. Aaron Kemps, the sole Australian Astana rider, will be at the start. He will be there with Koen De Kort and René Haselbacher, who both will try for good results in the sprints, whereas the Swiss Thomas Frei and Steve Morabito will aim instead at the undulating stages

**Astana for Giro dell'Emilia and the GP Beghelli:** Igor Abakoumov, Maxim Gourov, Maxim Iglinsky, Andrey Mizourov, Gregory Rast, Michael Schär, Yevgeny Sladkov and Serguei Yakovlev under Sport Manager Adriano Baffi.

**Astana for the Jayco Herald Sun Tour:** Koen De Kort, Thomas Frei, René Haselbacher, Benoît Joachim, Aaron Kemps, Julien Mazet and Steve Morabito . Sport Manager: Mario Kummer

### **Milram & LPR announce rosters for Coppa Sabatini**



Alessandro Petacchi  
(Milram)  
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Alessandro Petacchi will lead Team Milram at the 55th Coppa Sabatini Thursday. The nearly 200km race starts in Peccioli and finishes in Tuscany while covering two circuits.

After a fifth place at the Monte Paschi Eroica earlier this week, Team LPR will return to the limestone roads of Tuscany. The team plans to take an aggressive approach to the race and will be led by recently crowned World Champion Paolo Bettini.

**Milram for Coppa Sabatini:** Alessandro Petacchi, Andrey Grivko, Fabio Sabatini, Alberto Ongarato, Björn Schroeder, Carlo Scognamiglio, Matej Jurco, Marco Velo under the direction of Oscar Pellicioni.

**LPR for Coppa Sabatini:** Paolo Bailetti, Daniele Callegarin, Riccardo Chiarini, Raffaele Ferrara, José Enrique Gutierrez, Marco Marcato, Daniele Nardello and Luca Solari under team director Mario Manzoni.

### **USA Cycling to host mechanics' clinic**

USA Cycling announced the 2008 Bill Woodul Race Mechanic Clinic for January 10-13 at the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The camp is geared toward all mechanics who wish to become USA Cycling-licensed mechanics

Woodul held the first such mechanics' clinic in the late 1980s as a way to recruit mechanics for his program. Past graduates of the clinic have gone on to work for teams all over the world. Participants will learn from industry instructors, receive hands-on experience and network with other mechanics. Upon completion, they will be eligible to purchase a mechanic's license from the federation, which will make them eligible to work Olympic Trials, national championships, USA Cycling training camps and some corporate neutral support positions. Topics include caravan and motorcycle support, pit set up, race equipment preparation, bike wash techniques, as well as tool, equipment, and supply needs. Information taught will support track, road, mountain bike and 'cross disciplines.

The clinic is open to US citizens with at least two years of experience as a bicycle mechanic. For more information, contact Justin Koch at (719) 866-4708 or visit [www.usacycling.com](http://www.usacycling.com). Registration is due by November 16.

### **Cold temperature and rain fail to dampen Second Annual Bikes for Kids Utah Event**

In spite of rain and cold temperatures, Bikes for Kids Utah secured the funds and

volunteers needed to distribute free brand new bicycles, helmets, bike locks and bicycle safety instruction to 1,000 underprivileged Utah second graders last weekend in a fund-raising event held on October 5-6 which included a silent auction and 3km and 50km rides with pro Dave Zabriskie, a Salt Lake City native and the third American ever to wear the yellow jersey in the Tour de France.

"Seeing a smile on the face of one child while receiving a bike was enough," said Debbie Reid, executive director of Bikes for Kids Utah. "Seeing hundreds of smiling faces made it even better."

Throughout the event, hundreds of Utah second-graders were greeted by more than 60 volunteers and sponsors who distributed bikes and accessories. Volunteers also led students through a bicycle safety fair. Students were fitted for helmets and other accessories.

"Cycling has been a huge part of my life," said Dave Zabriskie, Salt Lake native and Tour de France stage winner. "It has provided me with a lot of freedom and taught me that exercise, discipline and responsibility can be fun. It felt good helping the kids get their new bicycles and I hope they have as much fun with their bikes as I do with mine."

A fundraiser dinner and silent auction raised more than US\$11,000 through dinner tickets and donated auction items. A time trial also raised money for Yield to Life, a non-profit organization founded this year by Zabriskie to help educate automobile drivers and cyclist on how to safely share the road.

In an effort to enjoy better weather for the event and ensure the children more riding time on their new bikes, next year's Bikes for Kids Utah events are tentatively scheduled for summer 2008.

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