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TEAMS ANNOUNCED FOR 2008 AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA PROFESSIONAL ROAD CYCLING RACE

*Most Diverse, Accomplished Field Ever Assembled for a Race on U.S. Soil to Compete
in February 17-24 Stage Race*

San Jose to be site of challenging Stage 3 Finish

SAN JOSE, CALIF., January 17, 2008 – A world-class field of 17 domestic and international cycling teams set to compete in the *2008 Amgen Tour of California*, arriving in San Jose, Wed., February 20, was announced by AEG, owners and presenters of the upcoming cycling road race. Team CSC, the world's No. 1-ranked cycling team; *2007 Amgen Tour of California* winner Levi Leipheimer's new team, Astana; and Health Net presented by Maxxis, winner of USA Cycling's 2007 National Race Calendar, will lead some of the world's top cycling teams in the third annual race. The 650-mile, eight-day stage race, modeled after the Tour de France and considered to be the most important and popular race held on U.S. soil, will take the world's top professional cycling teams from Palo Alto-Stanford University to Pasadena from February 17-24, and will complete a Modesto-to-San Jose Stage 3 Finish, Wed., February 20.

The *2008 Amgen Tour of California* roster includes the following 17 professional cycling teams:

- Astana (LUX)
- Bissell Pro Cycling Team (USA)
- BMC Racing Team (USA)
- Bouygues Telecom (FRA)
- Crédit Agricole (FRA)
- Gerolsteiner (GER)
- Health Net Presented by Maxxis (USA)
- High Road Sports (GER)
- Jelly Belly Cycling Team (USA)
- Kelly Benefit Strategies/Medifast (USA)
- Quick Step (BEL)
- Rabobank Cycling Team (Netherlands)
- Rock Racing (USA)
- Saunier Duval-Scott (ESP)
- Team CSC (DEN)
- Team Slipstream Powered by Chipotle (USA)
- Toyota-United Pro Cycling Team (USA)

"The success of the *Amgen Tour of California* over the past two years has created a very positive reputation among the professional cycling community, which has helped to ensure the high level of competition that people have come to expect from our race," said Kristin Bachochin, senior director of AEG Sports, presenter of the race. "This year, we designed an even more challenging course and secured an incredible line-up of teams that promise to keep the level of excitement high for the fans and riders alike."

Split between teams who compete on the UCI Pro Tour and those who race predominately in the United States, the field of 136 athletes will be one of the most diverse, accomplished groups of cyclists ever assembled for a stage race in the U.S.

"Even though the new Astana Cycling Team is making its U.S. racing debut, we are bringing numerous riders who have found success on U.S. soil in the past," said Philippe Maertens, spokesman for the Astana Cycling Team. "The riders are excited to begin the season in California and are motivated to help Levi Leipheimer defend his *Amgen Tour of California* title."

Along with Pro Tour teams, the growing class of top domestic teams will be represented by return competitors Health Net Pro Cycling Team Presented by Maxxis, Toyota-United Pro Cycling Team, Jelly Belly Cycling Team and Bissell Pro Cycling Team, and new competitors Rock Racing and Kelly Benefit Strategies/Medifast.

"The Jelly Belly Cycling Team is very excited about being selected by the *Amgen Tour of California* to participate in this year's event," said Danny Van Haute, manager of the Jelly Belly Cycling Team. "This will be Jelly Belly's ninth season in the cycling community. The team is looking forward to the competition."

Several of the 17 professional cycling teams will hold their pre-season training camps in California, which will give residents throughout the state an opportunity to watch these elite athletes prepare for the top professional cycling race in the United States.

"Having teams of this caliber competing in the U.S. is a rare treat. Previously, one would have to travel to Europe for a competition of this stature. San Jose and Silicon Valley are proud to be hosting—for the third year in a row—this prestigious event and hope all of the riders find the Stage 3 Modesto-to-San Jose course to be both challenging and rewarding. I look forward to greeting them at the finish line here in San Jose," said San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed.

For more information about the teams competing in the 2008 *Amgen Tour of California*, please visit www.amgentourofcalifornia.com.

ABOUT THE AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA

The largest cycling event in America, the 2008 Amgen Tour of California is a Tour de France-style road race presented by AEG that will challenge the world's top professional cycling teams to compete along a demanding 650-mile course from Palo Alto-Stanford University to Pasadena from February 17-24, 2008.

ABOUT AMGEN

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