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### **MATTIA GAVAZZI FROM ITALY OUTSPRINTS FIELD FOR VICTORY IN UNIVEST GRAND PRIX OF DOYLESTOWN**

*Ryan Roth of Canada wins Omnium title, N.J.'s Eric Schildge in tenth is top American*

**DOYLESTOWN, Pa., September 9, 2007** – A festive international atmosphere prevailed in Doylestown as Mattia Gavazzi, 24, a scion of an Italian cycling family, surged to victory in the Univest Grand Prix of Doylestown. In front of a thundering crowd, the field stormed up Court Street in downtown Doylestown, and Gavazzi, racing for the Kio Ene-Tonazzo-DMT team, sponsored locally by Doylestown Hospital, came around his teammates in the final meters of the uphill finish and raised his arms in victory just ahead of Alejandro Borrajo (Rite Aid) from Argentina. A true reflection of how international the Univest Grand Prix has become, Stefan Loffler (Team Sparkasse) of Germany took third. The top American was Eric Schildge (CRCA Sakonnet), 19, from Rumson, N.J., in tenth.

“It was a stupendous race,” said Gavazzi, through an interpreter. “We were invited here by the Doylestown Hospital, and I am honoring their invitation. The team set up a train and brought me to the last turn. I did not have great legs today. But I told myself that I have to do it for my team and for my director sportif Alberto Elli.”

Elli held the Tour de France’s yellow jersey, worn by the race leader, for four days in 2000. Gavazzi is the son of three-time Italian national champion Piero Gavazzi, who also won the famed Milan-San Remo cycling race in 1980.

The racers charged 36 times around a 1.4-mile criterium circuit in Doylestown, and the action was hot from the gun. Teams took turns sending riders off the front, just to be reeled in by the peloton a lap or two later. With three laps to go, it looked like Kodak Gallery/Sierra Nevada Brewing rider Jesse Anthony, 22 (Beverly, Mass.), might solo across the line. But the field swallowed him with a lap to go, when Gavazzi’s Kio Ene team took charge and catapulted him to the line.

For his efforts, Anthony won the Most Aggressive Rider award.

Six countries were represented in the top 10, with Schildge taking the Best American prize, as well as the Landis Supermarket Young Rider award for the top rider under age 23—a stunning debut for the young rider, who normally races for Dartmouth College and the regional Northeastern Hardware team in New Jersey but was picked up by CRCA Sakonnet for this race.

“The first couple laps it was faster than I expected,” said Schildge. “This is my first UCI race, so I was surprised. I had great help from Sakonnet. I’m guest riding for them, and they didn’t expect me to do too much in the way of pulling back breaks. They actually told me I could get a top 20 if I wanted to. So I bided my time and tried to stay near the front. I found a couple of big lead-out trains in the last couple of laps and hooked up behind them.”

Schildge—a sophomore at Dartmouth College, where he’s majoring in geography and women’s and gender studies—sent his racing resume to CRCA Sakonnet and was invited onto the team for the Univest Grand Prix.

Taking the Omnium prize—for best overall in the Univest Grand Prix’s two races—was Canadian Ryan Roth (Kelly Benefit Strategies/Medifast). The 24-year-old from Ontario slipped into second in Saturday’s road race and sprinted to fifth in Sunday’s circuit race.

“We knew not many guys finished yesterday,” said Roth, referring to the UCI commissaire’s decision to pull the peloton from Saturday’s road race when they reached the finishing circuit in Souderton and would have been lapped by the race leaders. “Mark Walters (Kodak Gallery/Sierra Nevada Brewing) was the biggest threat for the Omnium win, so my teammates and I just kept an eye on him.

“At the end, we tried to take control of the race and make sure I stayed out of all the fighting that goes on in a field sprint. We had the whole team up front. Then the last lap the Italians took over. I’m not a really good sprinter myself, so I tried to stay up there.”

Taking second in the Omnium was John Fredy Parra, a Colombian riding for the Mexican Team Tecos. Walters ended up fourth in Omnium points behind third-place Omnium finisher Gavazzi.

Canadian Dominique Rollin (Kodak Gallery/Sierra Nevada Brewing) won the Best Sprinter prize, and Gavazzi was named Best International Rider for his victory in the circuit race.

### **Univest Grand Prix of Doylestown, 50.4-mile criterium race Top 10**

1.	Mattia Gavazzi, Kio Ene-Tonazzo-DMT/Doylestown Hospital, Italy	1:50:49
2.	Alejandro Borrajo, Rite Aid Pro Cycling, Argentina	1:50:49
3.	Stefan Loffler, Team Sparkasse, Germany	1:50:49
4.	Dominique Rollin, Kodak Gallery/Sierra Nevada, Canada	1:50:49
5.	Ryan Roth, Kelly Benefit Strategies/Medifast, Canada	1:50:49
6.	Christian Lademann, Team Sparkasse, Germany	1:50:49
7.	Anibel Borrajo, GS Mengoni, Argentina	1:50:49

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| 8.  | Davide Frattini, Colavita/Sutter Home, Italy | 1:50:51 |
| 9.  | Juan Pablo Magallanes, Team Tecos, Mexico    | 1:50:51 |
| 10. | Eric Schildge, CRCA/Sakonnet, Rumson, N.J.   | 1:50:51 |

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