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### **UNIVEST GRAND PRIX FIELD TO INCLUDE INNOVATIVE TEAM SLIPSTREAM** *"Team of the Future" Sets the Pace for Clean Cycling*

SOUDERTON, Pa., September 4, 2007 – The Unvest Grand Prix field will include a select group of riders with a mission that goes beyond teamwork and fast pedaling. Team Slipstream/Chipotle which is based in Boulder, Co., is dedicated to “ethical sporting,” and the 23-member team serves as a role model for professional athletes worldwide. The team’s goal is to race in the 2008 Tour de France.

“Professional cycling is leading the way when it comes to tackling the use of synthetic stimulants,” explains John Eustice, president of Sparta Cycling, Inc., and race director for the Unvest Grand Prix. “We are seeing and hearing cycling in the news for the very reason that this sport is cleaning up its act.”

Prior to joining Team Slipstream/Chipotle, athletes commit to protecting their own health and that of their sport by forgoing artificial performance enhancing drugs and procedures. Slipstream Sports, in partnership with the Agency for Cycling Ethics (ACE), created the most aggressive anti-doping program in the professional sports world in 2007. All athletes on the team will voluntarily participate in this program and will be tested over 1,200 times during the season. This is more than 20 times the number of tests that most professional cyclists are subject to annually through the sports’ governing body, Union Cycliste International.

Under the determined leadership of team manager Jonathan Vaughters, a former racer who competed in the Tour de France and holds the cycling record for climbing Mt. Ventoux (France), Team Slipstream/Chipotle is moving ahead in the standings and capturing the attention of the American public. Now, finding even more satisfaction in coaching young riders to “clean victories” than from his own athletic accomplishments, Vaughters is on the vanguard of American athletics.

As a demonstration of the team's interest in celebrating pure athletic accomplishment, riders will visit with students at the Oak Ridge Elementary School in Harleysville on Friday, September 7, at 2:00 p.m.

Racers to watch on Team Slipstream/Chipotle include 28-year-old Danny Pate of Boulder, Col., whose recent accomplishments include two top-five finishes at the U.S. Pro Cycling Championships, which took place in South Carolina on September 1 and 2. Close behind Pate's second place in the 30-kilometer individual time trial was fellow Team Slipstream/Chipotle rider Tim Duggan, who placed third in the event. Both Pate and Duggan will compete in the Univest Grand Prix, along with six other teammates.

The Univest Grand Prix consists of a 107.3-mile road race that starts and finishes in Souderton on Saturday, September 8, and a 50.4-mile circuit race, which will take place in Doylestown on Sunday, September 9. The race is in its tenth running and has developed into the premier professional cycling competition in North America. In addition to the pro men's races it includes many activities for spectators and recreational cyclists of all ages.

A complete list of activities that will take place at the Univest Grand Prix, along with tips for spectators, is available at the event's web site: [www.univestgrandprix.com](http://www.univestgrandprix.com).

#### **About Univest Grand Prix:**

Patterned after the great classic races of Europe, the Univest Grand Prix reaches out to nearly 20 communities. From its inception, the cycling event was developed to provide opportunities for young athletes to advance, while also uniting the towns throughout Bucks and Montgomery counties for a community celebration. Over the last 10 years, it has grown to become one of the nation's top UCI-ranked races. The pro event is presented by: Univest Corporation of Pennsylvania, Leidy's Premium Pork Products, Bergey's Dealerships, Doylestown Hospital, Landis Supermarkets, Comcast Sportsnet, WFMZ-69, NBC-10 and *The Intelligencer*. For more information visit [www.univestgrandprix.com](http://www.univestgrandprix.com).

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#### **About Sparta Cycling:**

Sparta Cycling provides race promotion services to deliver world class events that meet the needs of sponsors, teams and riders, spectators and supporting communities. For more information, please visit [www.spartacycling.com](http://www.spartacycling.com), or contact John Eustice, President of Sparta Cycling, at 917-699-4566 or [jde@spartacycling.com](mailto:jde@spartacycling.com).