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### UCI OFFICIAL EXPLAINS THE DECISION TO PULL THE PELOTON IN THE UNIVEST GRAND PRIX

*Safety of the riders and integrity of the race behind decision*

**SOUDERTON, Pa., September 8, 2007** – After 68 miles of racing in the 2007 Uninvest Grand Prix, the UCI international commissaire pulled the peloton, or main group of racers, from the race, allowing only 17 racers who had reached the finishing circuit in Souderton ahead of the main group to finish. His decision, reached after discussing the issue with a panel of UCI officials, was based on safety and maintaining the integrity of the road race. The peloton was pulled from the race when it reached what is referred to as “the gate” to the three-mile finishing circuit around Souderton.

“His concern was because the peloton was over eight minutes back, the leaders had already completed one lap and were half way through a second lap,” explained a UCI official. “The leaders would have most likely overtaken the peloton, and if anything would have happened, those leaders would have been lost. They could have crashed, and the integrity of the race would have been ruined. His decision was to stop the peloton so it was a clean loop for the guys who were contesting the race and working hard.”

The 17 racers who finished the 2007 Uninvest Grand Prix represented eight different countries.

### 2007 Uninvest Grand Prix, 107.3-mile road race results

1. Will Frischkorn (USA) Team Slipstream p/b Chipotle	107.3 miles in 4:18:56
2. Ryan Roth (Canada) Kelly Benefit Strategies/Medifast	2:45 min. back
3. John Fredy Parra (Colombia) Tecos De La Univ. Auto. De Guadalajara	3:26
4. Timmy Duggan (USA) Team Slipstream p/b Chipotle	3:27
5. Mark Walters (Canada) Kodak Gallery p/b Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.	3:28
6. Devis Miorin (Italy) Kio Ene-Tonazzo-DMT p/b Doylestown Hospital	3:29
7. Phil Gaimon (USA) CRCA/Sakonnet Technology	3:59
8. Bernardo Colex (Mexico) Tecos De La Univ. Auto. De Guadalajara	9:37
9. Scottie Weiss (USA) AEG-Toshiba-Jetnetwork Pro Cycling Team	11:22
10. Bernard Van Ulden (USA) Navigators Insurance Cycling Team	13:28
11. Sebastian Frey (Germany) Team Sparkasse	13:28
12. Stefano Barberi (Brazil) Toyota-United Pro Cycling Team	13:35

13.Kyle Wamsley (USA) Navigators Insurance Cycling Team	13:35
14.Jonny Sundt (USA) Kelly Benefit Strategies/Medifast	13:45
15.Sergey Lagutin (Uzbekistan) Navigators Insurance Cycling Team	14:34
16.Timo Honstein (Germany) Team Sparkasse	14:34
17.Eugene Boronow (USA) GS Mengoni USA	20:58

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