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## **Tour de France Contender Garmin-Chipotle Leads Top International Field Into 2008 Univest Grand Prix**

SOUDERTON, Pa. -- Fresh from their strong performance in this year's Tour de France, the Garmin Chipotle team returns to the 2008 Univest Grand Prix led by defending champion Will Frischkorn and Tour of Georgia winner Tom Danielson. Frischkorn and Danielson, however, will face an impressive line-up of top international cycling talent from more than two dozen teams and a half-dozen countries who are determined to take the prize in this North American Pro classic.

They include Polish-registered Amore e Vita/McDonalds team with Ukrainian Yury Metlushenko, who won an exciting photo-finish in the Lehigh Valley Classic and was second overall in the 2008 Commerce Bank Triple Crown of Cycling; Canadian Martin Gilbert and his Kelly Benefit Strategies/Medifast team that won the inaugural Tour of Pennsylvania for 25-and-Under age class pros, and the always exciting Mexican Tecos team. Team Type 1 will come straight from the 2008 Tour of Ireland and will be led by Olympian Moises Aldape of Mexico.

The Univest Grand Prix features a tough 100-mile road race on Saturday, Sept. 6 that wends its way through the rolling countryside of Bucks and Montgomery counties before the uphill finish in Souderton. Racing continues with the fast, tactical Univest Criterium of Doylestown on Sunday, Sept. 7 in Doylestown.

The Souderton race will be televised live by WFMZ Channel 69, with live-action also available on [www.universalsports.com](http://www.universalsports.com). Universal Sports will also broadcast the race later that evening on their rapidly expanding broadcast network. The Doylestown race will be carried live on the net and broadcast by Universal Sports. In addition to live TV, post-race coverage will be broadcast on Comcast SportsNet in the Philadelphia region.

Other international teams on the start list for the Univest Grand Prix include Team Sparkasse from Germany, Team Cykelcity.se from Stockholm, Jittery Joe's of Athens., Ga.; and the Jet Fuel Coffee team of Canada.

"This is a true North American pro classic that always attracts the best cycling talent on the continent, and they will compete against some of the best racers from around the world," said race director John Eustice, president of Sparta Cycling Inc. "And it's not just Garmin Chipotle who will make the road race very tough. Look for Tecos, Team Type 1 and the Italians to be in there stirring up the action.

"But Sunday's race is likely to go to the true sprinters and Yury Metlushenko could be the one to watch in that event," said Eustice. "These rosters are really impressive and we are going to have a couple of very exciting bicycle races."

Directed by former pro cyclist Jonathan Vaughters, Garmin Chipotle is a UCI Pro Continental team and Frischkorn gave an outstanding performance in his first Tour de France, taking a second place stage finish and working for fifth-place overall Christian Vandeveld. Amore e Vita/McDonalds, the Calyon Pro Cycling team of Canada, Team Sparkasse, Team RACE Pro and the Tecos de la Universidad Autonoma Guadalajara are International UCI Continental teams.

Top American teams in the 2008 Univest Grand Prix include Kelly Benefits, Jittery Joe's, Rite Aid Pro Cycling and Team Type 1.

Cycling fans will enjoy a variety of activities held in conjunction with the Univest Grand Prix 2008, including two Jumbotron televisions that will bring all the racing action to fans at the start/finish line.

During the professional race on Saturday, spectators in Souderton can enjoy a Family Fun Zone from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Univest Plaza, which includes children's activities, a book signing and photo opportunities with Mike Berenstain and the Berenstain Bears, community displays, giveaways, regional foods and more. Children's sprint races will also be part of the schedule while the pro cyclists are racing out in the countryside. Spectators in Lansdale will be treated to children's sprints on Main Street at 10:00 a.m. and a community festival hosted by the North Penn Boys and Girls Club from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Lansdale activities will take place at Main Street and Susquehanna Avenue in the municipal lot adjacent to the Boys and Girls Club.

The community events continue on Sunday in Doylestown with children's races at 10:30 a.m. followed by the start of the professional race at 10:50 a.m. This year marks the fifth anniversary of the Univest Criterium of Doylestown, which provides a second day of fast-paced, circuit-style racing, a much different event than the Classic road race held on Saturday. In addition to the professional race, the Doylestown Business and Community Alliance will once again hold the Doylestown Arts Festival in conjunction with the Univest Criterium of Doylestown. The race route will showcase the festival by providing spectators and attendees an opportunity to watch the race while enjoying the work of local artists.

Serious cycling enthusiasts can also enjoy the European-style Univest Cyclosporitif100K held on Saturday, Sept. 6 on the same road as the Univest Grand Prix Road race. The Cyclosporitif takes riders through scenic Montgomery and Bucks counties on a rolling course that offers cycling enthusiasts the chance to experience the same thrills and atmosphere that the professional racers will face when the Univest Grand Prix begins at 10:50 a.m.

The ride is open to the public and cyclists can register online at [www.bikereg.com](http://www.bikereg.com) until Sept.3 and on race day beginning at 6 a.m. near the Start/Finish line on Main Street in Souderton. Forty- and 60-mile rides are available. The ride begins at 8 a.m. Proceeds benefit the Penn Foundation, a Sellersville-based non-profit organization that provides comprehensive behavioral healthcare to persons in need of hope, healing, and compassion.

**About Univest Grand Prix:**

*Patterned after the great classic races of Europe, the Univest Grand Prix showcases the beauty of 17 municipalities. 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. The pro event is presented by: Univest Corporation of Pennsylvania, Leidy's Premium Pork Products, SAAB, Doylestown Hospital, The Intelligencer, WFMZ-69, Universal Sports, Comcast Sportsnet. For more information, visit [www.univestgrandprix.com](http://www.univestgrandprix.com).*

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