

Team Spine News

Team Spine Takes Four Titles at NorCal/Nevada Masters' Champs



Team Spine took home more titles and more podium places than any other squad at the 2005 Northern California/Nevada Cycling Association (NCNCA) Masters' Championship.

In an impressive display of domination, the Spine threesome of Michael Hutchinson, Jeff Angermann and Michael Hernandez (shown here from left to right) placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd, respectively, in the 35-39 age group, more than eight minutes up on the field. Teammate Dario Fredrick also finished in 8th place.

On the same day, Spine rider Clint Gaver held off a charging field to take home the 40-44 title, national champion Mark Caldwell blew apart the 50-54 class for the win with Stan Urban in 5th and David Quist showed a strong 3rd place in the 30-34 field.

The previous day saw Team Spine nab another title and many podium places at the District criterium championships. In the 30-34 field, Dario Fredrick sparked an early and then a late break, setting up teammate Michael Hernandez for a solo lap to the finish line (Hernandez was later interviewed on a local television station). Fredrick held on for 3rd. In the 30-34 race, Michael Buckley fought through a strong field for 4th place and Stan Urban took second in the 50-54 field.

2005 Masters District Champions

Michael Hernandez (35-39 Criterium)
Michael Hutchinson (35-39 Road Race)
Clint Gaver (40-44 Road Race)
Mark Caldwell (50-54 Road Race)

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Note: Joe Trujillo, a 15 1/2 year-old Junior rider and one of the Reno Wheelmen's rising stars, was badly injured when he struck a tree during a 3/4/5 support race at the NorCal/Nevada Masters Championships. Injuries include a torn liver, bruised lung, broken jaw and wrist, along with facial fractures. Joe faces a long road to recovery.

Encouragement e-mails will certainly be appreciated and can be sent to: getwelljoe@breathhold.com