

Team Spine News

Spine Takes Berkeley Hills Road Race, Mt. Hamilton Road Race



In late May, the Northern California/Nevada Cycling Association (NCNCA) updated its Best All-Around Team rankings, and the results showed Team Spine tied for first place, with more than twice the points of the third-placed team. The NCNCA awards points to teams based upon top-ten placings by individual riders; the stated goal is to encourage teamwork in the sport.

Team Spine's only competition was a combined club/team that includes over 300 members, definitely giving Spine the prize for per-capita top-ten place production. In addition, the other team fields professional men's and women's squads, with a budget that is a large multiple of Team Spine's.

Even without such perks, Team Spine roared into the thick of the season, taking home the top spots in May's most prestigious road races.

In the historic Berkeley Hills Road Race, once won by Tyler Hamilton, Michael Hernandez won going away in the 35+ 1/2/3 field, and Mark Caldwell rocked the 45+ 1/2/3 group. In addition, Masters National champ Michael Hutchinson tested his legs out against the pros and took home a second place in the 1/2/Pro field on a horrifically wet and windy day.

Hutchinson returned to the Masters for a clear win at the Mt. Hamilton Road Race, which starts with one solid hour of climbing. Team Spine showed why it's a true team, also taking second, fifth and ninth.

In the month's other top race, the Cat's Hill Classic (pictured right), the Spine Masters saw a rare defeat, with Jeff Angerman nipped at the line. Still, with team members coming in second, fourth, fifth and sixth, Spine was still the class of the field. (Angerman later got back on his bike to place 10th in the 1/2/Pro race.)



RESULTS AT A GLANCE**Santa Rosa Criterium, 1 May 2005**

2nd Place: Michael Hutchinson (35+ 1/2/3)
4th Place: Scott Fonseca (35+ 1/2/3)

Cat's Hill Criterium, 7 May 2005

2nd Place: Jeff Angerman (35+ 1/2/3)
4th Place: Michael Hernandez (35+ 1/2/3)
5th Place: Mark Caldwell (35+ 1/2/3)
6th Place: Scott Fonseca (35+ 1/2/3)
10th Place: Jeff Angerman (1/2/Pro)

Berkeley Hills Road Race, 8 May 2005

1st Place: Michael Hernandez (35+ 1/2/3)
1st Place: Mark Caldwell (45+ 1/2/3)
2nd Place: Michael Hutchinson (1/2/Pro)
2nd Place: Chris Spencer (Juniors)

Golden State Criterium, 15 May 2005

2nd Place: Mark Caldwell (45+ 1/2/3)
8th Place: Stan Urban (45+ 1/2/3)
8th Place: Stan Urban (35+ 1/2/3)

Ronde van Brisbane, 21 May 2005

2nd Place: Joe Saunders (45+ 1/2/3)
7th Place: Stan Urban (45+ 1/2/3)
10 Place: Michael Hernandez (35+ 1/2/3)

EMC/Documentum Criterium, 22 May 2005

3rd Place: Michael Hernandez (35+ 1/2/3)
3rd Place: Joe Saunders (45+ 1/2/3)
4th Place: Mark Caldwell (45+ 1/2/3)
10th Place: Dan Turner (Elite 3)

Mt. Hamilton Road Race, 29 May 2005

1st Place: Michael Hutchinson (30+ 1/2/3)
2nd Place: Jeff Angerman (30+ 1/2/3)
5th Place: Michael Hernandez (30+ 1/2/3)
9th Place: Daniel Plummer (30+ 1/2/3)
2nd Place: Mark Caldwell (40+ 1/2/3)
4th Place: Colin Cooper (40+ 1/2/3)
7th Place: Eric Saltzman (35+ 1/2/3)



Memorial Day Criterium, 30 May 2005

4th Place: Michael Hernandez (30+ 1/2/3)

9th Place: Scott Fonseca (30+ 1/2/3)

5th Place: Mark Caldwell (40+ 1/2/3)

9th Place: Dan Turner (40+ 1/2/3)

10th Place: Joe Saunders (40+ 1/2/3)

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