

Team Spine News

April Sees Big Results for Team Spine Juniors



Though only in its first year, the Team Spine Junior Development Team (TSJDT) has served notice that it is the team to watch. And not just on the regional level -- Team Spine junior racers will soon be racing nationally and in Europe for the U.S. team.

TSJDT is members Brandon Castillo, Cody Kaiser, Taylor Kuphaldt, Brandon Mart, Joshua Olmstead, Collin Samaan, Trevor Thompson and Joe Trujillo, coached by Michael Brown.

Collin and Taylor were both invited by USA Cycling to a training camp in Texas where only the top 50 juniors in the country were invited to select spots for the Junior National Team that will represent the U.S. in Europe at several races including the junior World Championships. USA Cycling has never taken Juniors under 15 to Europe, as you must be at least 17 to race at Worlds. This year is a new endeavor for USA Cycling, in that they are trying to field an under 16 team to race in Europe, even though they will not be able to race at the World Championships. Taylor has been informed that he is the number one selection in the entire United States for this team.

Joe was also recently invited to a regional training camp by USA Cycling. These regional camps, although not quite the same as the camp that Collin and Taylor were invited to, are also used to identify and help develop young talent, and invitations are based on recent results.

But before they go off to represent Team Spine at the international level, the TSJDT has plenty to do at California races. Collin surprised the Elite 3 field by winning the Ronde van Brisbeen Omnium, a two-day race series, with a solid stage win (pictured above). Collin immediately upgraded to the Elite 2 category, allowing him to race against professionals such as Tour de France competitor Levi Leipheimer at the Copperopolis Road Race.

At Copperopolis, often called the Hell of Northern California for its bone-breaking rough roads and climbs, Taylor Kuphaldt took the win against a strong Junior field. Later in the month he also scored a decisive solo victory in the senior Elite 3 road race at the Madera Stage Race (pictured right), netting him the overall win for the stage race.

The juniors also rocked the Sea Otter Classic, a high-profile road and mountain bike



event that attracted competitors and spectators from around the world. Taylor and Collin fought to podium spots in both the road and circuit races, while Cody and Joe garnered top spots in junior mountain bike events.

Joshua recently placed 3rd at the Wente Road Race. The next day won his age group in a triathlon and placed 20th overall out of 500 participants. He has since been invited by USA Cycling to attend one of their regional training camps designed to identify the most talented junior racers in the country for possible selection to the junior national team. Joe, as a result of his recent top finishes, has also been invited to attend one of the same camps.

Cody (pictured right) continues to improve and get stronger, and despite often having to race with the older juniors usually manages to stay with the main group right up until the finish.

Trevor recently competed with the Elite 4 category at the Madera stage race. He completed the stage race in 8th place in the general classification.



The screenshot shows the PezCycling News website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Back', 'Forward', 'Reload', and 'Stop' buttons. The main header features the 'PezCycling News' logo and a search bar. Below the header, there's a featured article titled 'PEZ Rides With Fast Freddie' with a sub-headline 'FULL STORY'. The article text mentions 'PEZ caught up with Fast Freddie Rodriguez last Friday as he tuned up for Tour de Georgia at home in the Bay Area. The Davitamon-Lotto pro put our PEZ man Todd Kohls through a 5 hour training "session" that barely left him with enough energy to ask a few questions...'. To the right of the article are several advertisements, including 'KCHARMA chorus Complete bike at \$3499.99', 'PELO PICS', 'One Bike, Yours, seven cycles', 'GET POWER & GAIN SPEED', and 'euroduds.com'. At the bottom of the article, there's a photo of four cyclists sitting around a table.

Team Spine in the News

In April, the popular Web site PezCyclingNews.com ran an interview with "Fast" Freddy Rodriguez, a pro on the European Davitamon-Lotto team. Team Spine member Chris Swain, a longtime friend of Freddy, grabbed some valuable screen time, flashing the Spine colors before PezCyclingNews' millions of readers.

Team Spine and sponsor Cadence Design Systems also announced their new partnership with press releases going out to PRNewswire, VeloNews, BikeCafe.net and other media outlets.

Junior Results for April 2006

Ronde van Brisbeen Circuit Race	1 Apr 2006, Brisbane CA	3rd Place: Collin Samaan (Elite 3)
Ronde van Brisbeen Criterium	2 Apr 2006, Brisbane, CA	1st Place: Collin Samaan (Elite 3)
Ronde van Brisbeen Omnium (overall)		1st Place: Collin Samaan (Elite 3)
Sea Otter Circuit Race	7 Apr 2006, Monterey CA	3rd Place: Taylor Kuphaldt (Junior 15-16) 2nd Place: Collin Samaan (Junior 17-18)
Sea Otter Road Race	8 Apr 2006, Monterey CA	2nd Place: Taylor Kuphaldt (Junior 15-16) 3rd Place: Collin Samaan (Junior 17-18)
Sea Otter Mountain Bike Short Track	8 Apr 2006, Monterey CA	3rd Place: Cody Kaiser (14 and Under)
Sea Otter Mountain Bike Cross Country	9 Apr 2006, Monterey CA	2nd Place: Cody Kaiser (14 and Under) 8th Place: Joe Trujillo, (Sport 17-18)
Copperopolis Road Race	15 Apr 2006, Milton CA	1st Place: Taylor Kuphaldt (Junior 15-16) 9th Place: Brandon Mart (Junior 15-16) 3rd Place: Joe Trujillo (Junior 17-18) 5th Place: Cody Kaiser (Junior 13-14)
Wente Road Race	22 Apr 2006, Livermore CA	2nd Place: Taylor Kuphaldt (Junior 15-16) 3rd Place: Joshua Olmstead (Junior 17-18) 5th Place: Joe Trujillo (Junior 17-18)
Wente Criterium	23 Apr 2006, Livermore CA	3rd Place: Collin Samaan (Junior 17-18) 5th Place: Joe Trujillo (Junior 17-18)
Madera Stage Race	29-30 Apr, Madera CA	5th Place: Taylor Kuphaldt (Elite 3, Time Trial) 1st Place: Taylor Kuphaldt (Elite 3, Road Race) 1st Place: Taylor Kuphaldt (Elite 3, GC)

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Senior and Master Results for April 2006

Ronde van Brisbeen Circuit Race	1 Apr 2006, Brisbane CA	3rd Place: Collin Samaan (Elite 3) 12th Place: David Quist (Pro/1/2) 6th Place: Roger Marquis (35+ 1/2/3)
Ronde van Brisbeen Criterium	2 Apr 2006, Brisbane CA	1st Place: Collin Samaan (Elite 3) 9th Place: David Quist (Pro/1/2) 7th Place: Roger Marquis (35+ 1/2/3)
Ronde van Brisbeen Omnium (overall)		1st Place: Collin Samaan (Elite 3) 6th Place: David Quist (Pro/1/2) 3rd Place: Roger Marquis (35+ 1/2/3)
Wards Ferry Road Race	1 Apr 2006, Tuolumne CA	3rd Place: Pat Caurant (Pro/1/2) 10th Place: Michael Buckley (Pro/1/2) 6th Place: Mark Cadwell (35+ 1/2/3)
Sea Otter Circuit Race	7 Apr 2006, Monterey CA	1st Place: Mark Caldwell (50+ 1/2/3) 4th Place: Chris Berry (Elite 3)
Sea Otter Road Race	8 Apr 2006, Monterey CA	3rd Place: Mark Caldwell (50+ 1/2/3)
Sea Otter Mountain Bike Short Track	8 Apr 2006, Monterey CA	3rd Place: Cody Kaiser (14 and Under)
Santa Cruz Criterium	9 Apr 2006, Santa Cruz CA	5th Place: Mark Caldwell (35+ 1/2/3)
Copperopolis Road Race	15 Apr 2006, Milton CA	1st Place: Mark Caldwell (45+ 1/2/3) 10th Place: Jason Williams (Pro/1/2) 11th Place: Lance Doherty (Pro/1/2)
Wente Road Race	22 Apr 2006, Livermore CA	3rd Place: Colin Cooper (35+ 1/2/3) 6th Place: Eric Saltzman (35+ 1/2/3) 7th Place: Kellin Cooper (35+ 1/2/3) 3rd Place: Mark Caldwell (45+ 1/2/3)
Wente Criterium	23 Apr 2006, Livermore CA	2nd Place: Mark Caldwell (45+ 1/2/3) 9th Place: Mark Caldwell (35+ 1/2/3)
Madera Stage Race	29-30 Apr, Madera CA	1st Place: Clint Gaver (35+ 1/2/3, Time Trial) 4th Place: John Ford (35+ 1/2/3, Time Trial) 3rd Place: Clint Gaver (35+ 1/2/3, GC) 5th Place: Taylor Kuphaldt (Elite 3, Time Trial) 1st Place: Taylor Kuphaldt (Elite 3, Road Race) 1st Place: Taylor Kuphaldt (Elite 3, GC)