

# Team Spine News

## March Rains Don't Slow Racers on Road to Victory



The record rains flooded roads and dropped power lines across the state, but that didn't stop Team Spine riders from braving the elements and racing. From the top tiers of competition, in which Pat Caurant held his own against a nearly all-pro field at the McLane Foothills Road Race, to our fearsome Junior team, Spine riders showed their colors. Often through a layer of mud.

The Masters teams also did their part, with Mark Caldwell grabbing sprints and podium places in both the 35+ and 45+ fields. Dario Fredrick, Clint Gaver and National Champion Michael Hutchinson tore up the competition at the Monterey Circuit Race. Gaver and Hutchinson are currently representing Team Spine in Belgium, competing against some of Europe's best.

"Last I checked about 28 out of 140 finished. I think only 3 amateurs finished," said Caurant about the McLane race.

"This was the craziest and most aggressive day of racing I have ever seen. As you know it was bitterly cold. All the big boys were out: Tony Cruz, Domingez, Hadeo (two stages at the Tour of California), Candalario, etc. Health Net, Coltavita, Sierra, Jelly Belly, United were all in attendance with full teams.

The pace was insane from the gun. Lap after lap the field kept shattering. Just crazy.

Sponsor notes: I had to lock up my rear to avoid a crash.

When I got home I found this huge burn mark all the way down the the kevlar. I road 110 miles on bad roads and it held together. Thanks Panaracer!"

Thanks again to all our sponsors, without whom this could not be possible!

(Photo: David Quist at the Redlands Classic Criterium)

## March 2006 Results

### McLane Pacific Downtown Grand Prix

Merced, CA

March 4th, 2006

35+ 1/2/3: 2nd Place, Mark Caldwell

Jr 15-16: 2nd Place, Taylor Kuphaldt

Jr 17-18: 7th Place, Joe Trujillo

9th Place, Trevor Thompson

Jr 13-14: 4th Place, Cody Kaiser

### McLane Foothills Road Race

Merced, CA

March 5th, 2006

Pro/1: 19th Place, Pat Caurant

Elite 2: 2nd Place, Shawn Rosenthal

Elite 3: 3rd Place, Collin Samaan (Jr)

8th Place, Taylor Kuphaldt (Jr)

Master 35+ 1/2/3: 5th Place, Michael Hutchinson

6th Place, Dario Fredrick

Master 45+ 1/2/3: 3rd Place, Mark Caldwell

### Monterey Circuit Race

Fort Ord, CA

March 12th, 2006

Master 35+ 1/2/3: 2nd Place, Dario Fredrick

3rd Place, Michael Hutchinson

6th Place, Clint Gaver

### Land Park Criterium

Sacramento, CA

March 18th, 2006

Pro/1/2: 7th Place, Mike Buckley

Master 45+ 1/2/3: 7th Place, Mark Caldwell

Elite 3: 3rd Place, Collin Samaan (Jr)

10th Place, Rob Cady

Junior: 3rd Place, Joe Trujillo

7th Place, Collin Samaan

10th Place, Trevor Thompson

### San Dimas Criterium

San Dimas, CA

Feb 18th 2006

Elite 3: 11th Place, Chris Berry



**Bariani (Zamora) Road Race**

Zamora, CA

March 19th, 2006

Pro 1/2: 1st Place, Mike Buckley

Master 45+ 1/2/3: 1st Place, Mark Caldwell

**Orosi Road Race**

Fresno, CA

March 25th, 2006

Master 35+ 4/5: 10th Place, Kurt Bickel

**Hanford Criterium**

Hanford, CA

March 26th, CA

Elite 3: 5th Place, Jason King

6th Place, Rob Cady

Elite 4/5: 6th Place, Kurt Bickel

**Pinole Team Time Trial**

Pinole, CA

March 26th, 2006

Master 90+ (combined age): 1st Place, Mark Caldwell and Joe Saunders

