



Grand Tour Champion Chris Horner Confirmed to Lead Lupus Racing Team in 2016

Team Presentation at Peachtree Bikes in Sandy Springs Includes all 15 Riders

ATLANTA (February 5, 2016) – The Lupus Racing Team bolstered its 2016 roster today with the addition of 2013 Vuelta a España champion Chris Horner. One of the most accomplished American cyclists in the professional peloton, Horner will join the team in Atlanta today for the Team Presentation event and team camp.

“We are excited to have a proven champion like Chris Horner as part of the Lupus Racing Team this season. He wanted to continue his racing career, and was eager to be part of our growing program. We are focused on making a solid presence in every race in which we compete this year. It’s all about being aggressive and being the best each and every day, and for years to come. Chris will be a great leader for our young team,” said Sports Director Phil Cortes.



With over 70 career victories, Horner enters his 22nd year as a professional road cyclist. Early in his career he established himself on the U.S. circuit by claiming the overall USA Cycling National Racing Calendar individual title four times (1996, 2002, 2003, 2004). His extensive accomplishments include a stage win and overall G.C. title at the 2011 Amgen Tour of California, three overall podiums at the Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah (2013-15), as well as winning the inaugural Tour de Georgia in 2003.

“This is a tremendous opportunity for me and I am very glad to race with the Lupus Racing Team. It was a priority for me to continue racing this year with a U.S.-based team. The Lupus team has put together a solid roster and has a great reputation. I couldn’t be more excited about 2016,” said Horner, who finished fifth overall at the 2015 USA Cycling Professional Road Race national championship.

The Lupus Racing Team, beginning its second year as a UCI Continental men’s squad, will field a roster of 15 athletes representing four countries for the 2016 professional road cycling season. Seven riders are returning to the Lupus Racing Team from last season, who accounted for 49 Top 10’s last season.

All riders will participate in winter training camp from Feb. 5-10 in Georgia. The Team Presentation event will be hosted by Peachtree Bikes in Sandy Springs on Friday evening. Fans are invited to follow the team on its social media channels for updates from the Team Presentation and camp, including the new YouTube channel (Lupus Racing Team).

2016 Lupus Racing Team Roster

Name (age*)	Hometown	Twitter
Chad Beyer (29)	Scottsdale, Ariz.	@thachad
Winston David (28)	Greenville, S.C.	@winstondavid87
Oliver Flautt (22)	Atlanta, Ga.	@OliverFlautt
Chris Horner (44)	Bend, Ore.	@hornerakg
Matthieu Jeannes (28)	Saint Yvi in Brittany, France	@MatthieuJeannes
Marcos Lazzarotto (25)	Bento Gonçalves, Brasil	@marcoslazzarotto
Bryan Lewis (25)	Roanoke, Va.	@bryanlewis13
Jonah Mead-VanCourt (19)	Ithaca, N.Y.	@imead_ionah
Barry Miller (27)	San Francisco, Calif.	@barryfmiller
Evan Murphy (27)	New York, N.Y.	@rualrite
Michael Olheiser (41)	Huntsville, Ala.	@trainhard4life
Michael Stone (24)	Monroe, Ga.	@mikestone21
Nolan Tankersley (20)	Erwin, Tenn.	@Rollen_Nolan
Nicolae Tanovitchii (22)	Chisinau, Moldova	@Nikolai5593
Thomas Vaubourzeix (26)	La Croix Valmer, France	@VaubourzeixT

* ages as of February 1, 2016



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About Lupus Racing Team

The Lupus Racing Team is owned and operated by Cycle Culture, Inc., a 501(c)3 Georgia business with offices in Atlanta and New York. This is the fourth year Cycle Culture has operated a cycling team, and the second consecutive year the team will compete internationally as a UCI Continental squad. The Team partners with the [Georgia Chapter](#) of the Lupus Foundation of America to raise awareness and improve funding for an illness that affects 55,00 Georgians and 1.5 million Americans. Lupus is a chronic, autoimmune disease that can damage any part of the body, for which there is currently no known cure. Learn more about the Team, beneficiary and sponsors at LupusRacingTeam.com. Follow the team on Twitter ([@lupusracingteam](https://twitter.com/lupusracingteam)), Facebook ([LupusRacingTeam](https://www.facebook.com/LupusRacingTeam)) and YouTube ([LupusRacingTeam](https://www.youtube.com/LupusRacingTeam)).

About the Lupus Foundation of America, Georgia Chapter

The Lupus Foundation of America is devoted to solving the mystery of lupus, one of the world's cruelest, most unpredictable and devastating diseases, while giving caring support to those who suffer from its brutal impact. The Foundation leads the fight to improve the quality of life for all people affected by lupus. The Georgia Chapter is the only statewide resource for the 55,000 Georgians living with lupus. The impact on the patients and families served and empowered by the Georgia chapter is compelling. In 2016, the Georgia Chapter will host eight educational symposiums and workshops, including the first programs in Tipton and Kennesaw. There are more than 30 statewide support groups for people with lupus, and the Georgia Chapter holds the country's largest Walk to End Lupus Now with 14,000 walkers raising more than \$600,000 in 2015. Ninety percent of every dollar donated funds essential education programs, patient support, advocacy and awareness in more than 120 counties across the state. For more information, visit LupusGA.org, and follow us on Twitter [@LupusGeorgia](https://twitter.com/LupusGeorgia), Facebook at [facebook.com/LupusGeorgia](https://www.facebook.com/LupusGeorgia) and Instagram [@lupusgeorgia](https://www.instagram.com/lupusgeorgia).

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