



## 2016 Mid-Season Report

### 30 Top 10 Results at UCI and USAC Pro Road Tour Events



ATLANTA (June 22, 2016) – The Lupus Racing Team delivered on its goal of aggressive racing in the first half of the 2016 season. Teamwork produced 30 Top 10 placings at UCI and/or USA Cycling Pro Road Tour events. Highlights include two stage victories, two classification jerseys, and two collegiate titles. The second-year UCI Continental team jumped to 11<sup>th</sup> place in the Team Classification on the UCI America Tour. There were also some notable Team members (collegiate and Masters riders) who scored national championship wins.

The year started off with a bang in February for the Lupus Racing Team with the stage win by Michael Olheiser and two podiums, by Matthieu Jeannès and Evan Murphy, at its first UCI stage race of the year, the Vuelta Independencia Nacional Republica Dominicana in the Dominican Republic.

The second stage victory came at the Grand Prix Cycliste de Saguenay in Canada in May, where Bryan Lewis claimed his first professional win. Lewis also won the King of the Mountain classification and Thomas Vaubourzeix finished fourth overall at the UCI 2.2 stage race.

“Bryan Lewis showed us all that hard work, talent and working for a common goal over the past six months can pay dividends. A huge thank you to our management and staff for keeping the wheels turning and the dream alive,” said Sports Director Phil Cortes.

“With the team really changing shape this year, the first half of the season was about gelling together as a team, learning to race together, and dealing with frustrations of being close to results. We just finished a big block of racing where the team started to show its merit. Things started to really click when Chad Beyer got 4th at US-PRO, and the momentum continued with more podiums and my win at Saguenay. I think we’ll always mark US-PRO as the time when this team took a big step forward and started to become one of the top Continental teams in the U.S.,” Lewis reflected on his first pro victory.

Nicolae Tanovitchii scored a fourth place overall at the North Star Grand Prix in June, and Chad Beyer sprinted to a fourth place at the prestigious Volkswagen USA Cycling Professional Road Race National Championships in May.

“Big thanks to the whole Lupus Racing team! The staff was great and I wouldn't have been up in the front group at Nationals if it wasn't for some great help from my teammates,” said Beyer about narrowly missing the podium for USPRO Championships, held this year in Winston-Salem, N.C.

After some time to rest and recuperate, the team will next focus on the Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah, August 1-7, 2016. Follow the Team on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube with the hashtag #LRTOffTheFront.

"This is the conclusion of the second block of racing this season. A little home time then we're back at it," added Cortes. "Thank you to our guys and staff who raced and worked their hearts out at Nationals, Winston-Salem, Philly, Saguenay and Beauce. Lots of great things to come."



Huge congratulations to two of the young riders on LRT. Nolan Tankersley (East Tennessee State University) and Jonah Mead-VanCort (Lindenwood College) won their respective Division 1 and Division 2 titles at the 2016 USA Cycling Collegiate National Championships in May. Tankersley won the Collegiate Crit and Road Race national titles for ETSU (D2) and Mead-VanCort won the Collegiate Crit national title for Lindenwood (D1).

"Behind every victory or defeat, there is my family and a community who share the excitement of victory or pain of defeat. Without them, I would not be where I am today. 'My' hard work is only a result of the hard work of many. The greatest reward (at Collegiate Nationals) was seeing the joy and excitement from those who have been a part of my journey in one way or another," stated Tankersley.

### **Masters team members who are with Lupus Racing came home with three podiums at USA Cycling National Championships events this spring:**

1st, 2016 USA Cycling Masters Time Trial Championships (50-54), Brendan Sullivan  
1st, 2016 USA Cycling Masters Road Race Championships (90+ Tandem), Stephen Jamison and Igor Rudalev  
3rd, 2016 USA Cycling Professional Masters TTT National Championships (50+), Brendan Sullivan, Andy Lougher, Terry O'Toole, Douglas Pomeranz

### **Top 10 Results UCI /USAC Pro Road Tour**

4<sup>th</sup>, Stage 1 (Team Time Trial), Vuelta Independencia Nacional Republica Dominicana, 2/27/16  
2<sup>nd</sup>, Stage 2, Vuelta Independencia Nacional Republica Dominicana, 2/28/16, Matthieu Jeannès  
10<sup>th</sup>, Stage 4, Vuelta Independencia Nacional Republica Dominicana, 3/1/16, Michael Olheiser  
5<sup>th</sup>, Stage 5, Vuelta Independencia Nacional Republica Dominicana, 3/2/16, Evan Murphy  
1<sup>st</sup>, Stage 7, Vuelta Independencia Nacional Republica Dominicana, 3/4/16 Michael Olheiser  
3<sup>rd</sup>, Stage 8, Vuelta Independencia Nacional Republica Dominicana, 3/5/16, Evan Murphy  
7<sup>th</sup>, Stage 1, Redlands Bicycle Classic, 4/6/16, Chad Beyer  
6<sup>th</sup>, Stage 2, Redlands Bicycle Classic, 4/7/16, Chad Beyer  
9<sup>th</sup>, Stage 2, Redlands Bicycle Classic, 4/7/16, Chris Horner  
6<sup>th</sup>, Stage 2, Joe Martin Stage Race, 4/22/16, Evan Murphy  
7<sup>th</sup>, Stage 5, Tour of the Gila, 5/8/16, Chad Beyer  
9<sup>th</sup> overall, Tour of the Gila, 5/8/16, Chris Horner  
4<sup>th</sup>, USA Cycling Pro Road National Championships, 5/28/16, Chad Beyer  
9<sup>th</sup>, Winston-Salem Cycling Classic Criterium, 5/29/16, Nolan Tankersley  
8<sup>th</sup>, Winston-Salem Cycling Classic Road Race, 5/30/16, Chad Beyer  
6<sup>th</sup>, Philadelphia International Cycling Classic, 6/5/16, Chad Beyer  
1<sup>st</sup>, Sprint Competition, Philadelphia International Cycling Classic, 6/5/16, Matthieu Jeannès  
4<sup>th</sup>, Stage 1, Grand Prix Cycliste de Saguenay, 6/9/16, Thomas Vaubourzeix  
1<sup>st</sup>, Stage 2, Grand Prix Cycliste de Saguenay, 6/10/16, Bryan Lewis  
3<sup>rd</sup>, Stage 3, Grand Prix Cycliste de Saguenay, 6/11/16, Chad Beyer  
10<sup>th</sup>, Clarendon Cup, Air Force Cycling Classic, 6/11/16, Winston David  
7<sup>th</sup>, Crystal Cup, Air Force Cycling Classic, 6/12/16, Nicolae Tanovitchii  
6<sup>th</sup>, Stage 4, Grand Prix Cycliste de Saguenay, 6/12/16, Thomas Vaubourzeix  
1<sup>st</sup>, KOM Competition, Grand Prix Cycliste de Saguenay, 6/12/16, Bryan Lewis  
4<sup>th</sup> overall, Grand Prix Cycliste de Saguenay, 6/12/16, Thomas Vaubourzeix  
3<sup>rd</sup>, Stage 1, Tour de Beauce, 6/15/16, Chad Beyer  
3<sup>rd</sup>, Stage 5, North Star Grand Prix, 6/18/16, Nicolae Tanovitchii  
10<sup>th</sup>, Stage 5, Tour de Beauce, 6/19/16, Chris Horner  
4<sup>th</sup>, Stage 6, North Star Grand Prix, 6/19/16, Nicolae Tanovitchii  
4<sup>th</sup> overall, North Star Grand Prix, 6/19/16, Nicolae Tanovitchii



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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](http://LupusRacingTeam.com).

### **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. There are more than 30 statewide support groups for people with lupus. For more information, visit [LupusGA.org](http://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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