



Lupus Racing Team Signs Costa Rican National Champion

Roster Announced for Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah



ATLANTA (July 25, 2016) – The Lupus Racing Team has signed Costa Rican climber, Joseph Chavarría, who will join the squad next week at the Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah. Chavarría, who turns 24 in October, is a two-time road race national champion for Costa Rica. He captured the elite national title in June this season.

“We are very happy to have Joseph on our Lupus Racing Team as we head into some big UCI races in Utah and Alberta. He has had some great results so far this season at UCI stage races in Venezuela and the Dominican Republic. As a climber, we look forward to adding his firepower to support Chris Horner and Chad Beyer,” said Phil Cortes, sports director for Lupus Racing Team.

Chavarría, racing for the Nestle Giant Costa Rica team, started the year with a General Classification (G.C.) victory at the Vuelta al Tachira en Bicicleta, a UCI 2.2 stage race on the America Tour. He finished seventh on the G.C. at the Vuelta Independencia Nacional Republica Dominicana. At this same UCI 2.2 stage race, the Lupus Racing Team captured three podiums, including the first UCI stage win of the year by Michael Olheiser.

The team also announced its race roster for the Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah, a UCI 2.HC taking place Aug. 1-7 from Zion Canyon Village in southern Utah to Park City in the Wasatch Mountains to the north. Chavarría will make his first appearance in the black and purple kit alongside seven other teammates: Chad Beyer (USA), Chris Horner (USA), Matthieu Jeannès (FRA), Bryan Lewis (USA), Barry Miller (USA), Nicolae Tanovitchii (MDA), Thomas Vaubourzeix (FRA). In the past three seasons, Horner has finished fifth or better on G.C. at the Tour of Utah.



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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.

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, 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 and Instagram [@lupusgeorgia](https://instagram.com/lupusgeorgia).

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