



Team UniSA-Australia



UniSA, the largest university in South Australia, is proud to be associated with the Tour Down Under for the seventh consecutive year through its sponsorship of Team UniSA-Australia. Over that time, our riders have turned in some thrilling performances, culminating in memorable victories in the Teams classification (2004 and 2006) and with Patrick Jonker the overall winner in 2004. Taking part in Team UniSA-Australia in this year's Tour Down Under – an event which now enjoys Hors Classe 2 status, the highest level outside Europe – are Allan Davis, Brett Aitken, Chris Jongewaard, Karl Menzies, Matthew White, Mitchell Docker, Robert McLachlan, Russell van Hout and Dave Sanders (manager). The team will be striving to build on past experiences, and we wish them every success in this iconic event on the world cycling calendar.

Team UniSA-Australia 2006 – Ben Day, Chris Jongewaard, Gene Bates, Matthew Hayman, Paul Crake, Robert McLachlan, Russell van Hout, Sean Sullivan, Dave Sanders (manager).

Another outstanding team effort saw Team UniSA-Australia take victory in the teams classification and Gene Bates (fifth), Russell van Hout (seventh) and Chris Jongewaard (ninth) all finishing in the top 10 in the overall classification. Russell van Hout was second in the sprinters' classification and led Paul Crake home on Stage 4 for a superb 1-2 finish. Paul Crake also clinched another second place on Stage 2. In the King of the Mountain standings, Matthew Hayman, Russel van Hout, Gene Bates and Paul Crake snared the fourth to seventh slots.



Team UniSA 2005 – Adrian Laidler, Chris Jongewaard, Corey Sweet, Gene Bates, James Hannam, Matthew Rex, Russell van Hout, Stephen Cunningham, Michele Primaro (manager).

With the most competitive entry list to date, Team UniSA put in another strong performance, coming fourth overall in the team rankings. Gene Bates proved to be the standout rider for Team UniSA, securing his first King of the Mountain title on his way to finishing eleventh overall. Bates also finished fourth in the Sprinters classifications and had two top 10 stage finishes. Matthew Rex grabbed a top 10 finish in the opening stage of what many considered to be the most gruelling Jacob's Creek Tour Down Under to date.



Team UniSA 2004 – Adrian Laidler, Gene Bates, James Hannam, Luke Roberts, Matthew Rex, Patrick Jonker, Russell van Hout, Steve Cunningham, Michele Primaro (manager).

What a year for Team UniSA! Patrick Jonker was overall winner in what was to be his final professional ride; and top 10 overall finishes from Luke Roberts (ninth) and Gene Bates (tenth) helped propel Team UniSA to the top of the team standings. Jonker also recorded top 10 finishes in the Sprint (fifth) and King of the Mountain (eighth) classifications, as well as receiving the most aggressive rider award for Stage 3. Gene Bates grabbed second place in a closely fought third stage and Luke Roberts achieved three top 10 stage finishes.

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Team UniSA 2003 – Adrian Laidler, Brett Aitken, Gene Bates, Jay Sweet, Luke Roberts, Patrick Jonker, Russell van Hout, Steve Cunningham, Michele Primaro (manager).

Team UniSA continued its move up the rankings by finishing fifth overall on the teams' leaderboard. Patrick Jonker was best rider in the overall standings, finishing seventh, with Russell van Hout, Gene Bates and Luke Roberts also finishing in the top 20. Gene Bates won his second Under-23 classification, with Adrian Laidler also sneaking into the top 10. Russell van Hout was fifth overall in the King of the Mountain and seventh in the Sprinters classification, with Adrian Laidler following him home in eighth place. Steve Cunningham and Adrian Laidler won the most aggressive rider award for Stages 3 and 4 respectively.



Team UniSA 2002 – Adrian Laidler, Brett Aitken, Corey Sweet, Gene Bates, Luke Roberts, Patrick Jonker, Russell van Hout, Steve Cunningham, Michele Primaro (manager).

Team UniSA used its local knowledge from the previous year to full advantage and improved to finish sixth in the team standings with Patrick Jonker taking a commendable third overall in the riders' standings. Russell van Hout once again was runner-up in the King of the Mountain and Corey Sweet snared the most aggressive rider award on his way to finishing a superb second in the opening stage. A swag of top 10 stage finishes by six Team UniSA riders confirmed the overall depth of talent in the squad.

Team UniSA 2001 – Adrian Laidler, Gene Bates, Kristjan Snorrasson, Lado Fumic, Luke Roberts, Matt Wilson, Russell van Hout, Steve Cunningham, Michele Primaro (manager).

The inaugural year of Team UniSA's involvement in the Tour Down Under and a valuable experience with the team finishing 11th overall. There were some standout performances – Luke Roberts won Stage 4 (Unley to Strathalbyn), Gene Bates won the Under-23 classification, finishing the best placed Team UniSA rider overall in 17th place. Russell van Hout finished runner-up in the King of the Mountain standings with Steve Cunningham, fifth. Team UniSA riders picked up a swag of most aggressive rider awards with Kristjan Snorrasson (Stage 1), Steve Cunningham (Stage 3) and Russell van Hout (Stage 5) all getting in the action.



Team UniSA Highlights 2001-2006

Overall classification

- 1st, Patrick Jonker, 2004
- 3rd, Patrick Jonker, 2002
- 5th, Gene Bates, 2006

Teams classification

- 1st, Team UniSA, 2004
- 1st, Team UniSA-Australia, 2006

King of the Mountain classification

- 1st, Gene Bates, 2005
- 2nd, Russell van Hout, 2001 and 2002

Sprints classification

- 2nd, Russell van Hout, 2006

Under-23 classification

- 1st, Gene Bates, 2001 and 2003

Stage classification

- 1st, Luke Roberts, stage 4, 2001
- 1st, Russell van Hout, stage 4, 2006
- 2nd, Corey Sweet, stage 2, 2002
- 2nd, Gene Bates, stage 3, 2004
- 2nd, Paul Crake, stages 2 and 4, 2006

Paul Crake Appeal

UniSA is joining Cycling Australia to offer Team UniSA supporters the opportunity to make a donation to support 2006 Team UniSA rider, Paul Crake. Paul was badly injured while riding in NZ last year. For more information on how to donate visit www.unisa.edu.au/tdu/paulcrake.asp

