WXC WORLD RACING
Professional Mountainbike Team 2013

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WELCOME

With WXC World Racing Team, we want to put mountainbiking at the top of cycle sport in the UK, and develop a creditable team to challenge at the top of the world stage.

We are able to do this by providing space for young, mainly British, talent to develop. Since the start of our existence, we have achieved great success, as can be seen in our palmares which has become better than our wildest dreams, as the team has helped developed some of the country leading international and Olympic riders. It would seem that talent can flourish quickly within the safe, professional sphere of this mountainbike team.

The more experienced riders in the team have also done themselves proud, and made significant headway, with no exception, in the international arena as well as continuing to produce outstanding results and medals in the UK.

The fact that we are spreading our wings and also working towards reaching the top at an international level has resulted in us being the home to 3 different nationalities. The latest being Zephanie Blasi from Tuscon, Arizona in the USA. Zephanie has just finished the US Pro series finishing sixth overall, with an outstanding second placing in round 4.

2013 sees us take our next giant step forward, and with all the success the London Olympics has promoted our beloved sport, the goal for WXC World Racing is to work towards making a significant contribution to this continuing.

Trevor Brown
Team Manager
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LEADERSHIP

Trevor Brown
Team Manager

During the last nine years, Trevor has been fundamental in developing and sustaining four of the UK’s most important Women’s Cycling teams – Raleigh/ERV Pro Cycling (2005-2007), AKO Ducati Corsa (2008-2009), the WXC Mountain Bike Team UK and presently the UCI registered WXC World Racing Professional Mountain Bike Team. These teams have accumulated a significant medal tally, National titles, and more importantly laid the stepping stones for some of the most exciting female athletes to emerge in the sport in the last few years including the 2012 Olympic rider, Annie Last.

Team Support

Keith Loveday — Assistant Manager
Ian Brown — Mechanic
Keely Bunton — Rider welfare/Youth Development
PALMARES 2004 - 2012

1 WORLD TRACK TITLE
1 EUROPEAN TRACK TITLE
33 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES
8 NATIONAL MOUNTAINBIKE SERIES TITLES
1 NATIONAL CYCLO CROSS SERIES TITLE
2 SCOTTISH MOUNTAINBIKE SERIES TITLES
3 IRISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE
1 IRISH NATIONAL MARATHON TITLE
1 IRISH NATIONAL JUNIOR CYCLO-CROSS TITLE
1 IRISH MOUNTAINBIKE SERIES TITLE
1 SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE
6 WCRA CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES
BERYL BURTON TROPHY WINNERS
ISLE OF MAN YOUTH TOUR WINNERS
SLEEPLESS IN THE SADDLE TEAM WINNERS
ENDURO 6 WINNERS
2 MOUNTAIN MAYHEM 24 HOUR SOLO WINNERS
SET TO RISE 12 HOUR SOLO WINNERS
2 BONTRAGER 24/12 – 12 HOUR SOLO WINNERS
BONTRAGER 24/12 – 12 HOUR TEAM WINNERS
3 SOUTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES
3 SOUTHERN SERIES TITLE
2 UK 24 HOUR SOLO CHAMPION
EUROPEAN 24 HOUR SOLO CHAMPION
1 MOUNTAIN MAYHEM 24 HOUR TEAM WINNERS
1 SOUTH WEST CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES
2 SOUTH WEST SERIES TITLE
2010 TRANS WALES SOLO WINNERS
3 BRIGHTON BIG DOG 6 HOUR WINNERS
246 WINS
356 PODIUM
451 TOP TEN PLACINGS
Joanne Clay

In her first year as an elite rider, Jo has consistently finished in the top five in the National Series and National Championships. Jo tasted the experience of top level World Cup racing this season and has the commitment to become one of the UK’s top mountainbikers.

Residence: Leek (Great Britain)
Born: 30.05.1985
Height: 168cm
Weight: 60kg
Relationship: in a relationship
Starting with biking: Downhill mtb after accident on a motocross bike then changed to xc racing 2yrs ago
Favourite food: lasagne or chocolate!
Favourite drink: Pint of bitter!
Hobby: Snowboarding/horse riding
Work: Horse rider/groom
Best result ever: 5th at Sherwood, 1st ever race at elite level, was not what I expected!
Season goal: To finish top 3 nationally and top 50 world
Dream goal: To compete in World Champs and Olympics Rio 2016

Zephanie Blasi

Before signing for WXC World Racing at the beginning of 2012 Zephanie rode for the No-tubes Pro Team in the States where she stood on the podium on a number of occasions, winning 4 State XC championships and 2 D/H Championships as well as a being a winning team member World Champion in the 24 hour of Adrenilian World Championships.
Zephanie is a strong leader of the Team and brings inspiration to our young riders with her professional aproach.

Residence: Tuscon, Arizona, USA
Born: 08.08.1976
Height: 157cm
Weight: 50kg
Relationship: in one :)
Started with biking: 1998
Favourite food: Pizza and sushi
Favourite drink: water
Hobby: Taking care of my pets
Study/work: Professional cyclist
Best result ever: 2nd place at the USA National series event and 6th overall in the series with missing an event
Season goal: Better performance at World Cups...not getting pulled. Podium on all British Series. Consistent training and proper nutrition.
Claire Oakley

Now a first year Elite/Under-23 Claire has won everything at Junior level in Ireland, including MTB National Championship, Road Championships and Track Championships. She has a great future ahead of her with sights set firmly on Rio 2016 as Ireland's number one.

Residence: Newtownards, Co Down (Ireland)
Born: 10.05.1993
Height: 170cm
Weight: 60kg
Relationship: Single
Started with biking: Aged 7, Friend Got Me Started.
Favourite food: Pasta Bake
Favourite drink: orange
Hobby: dog walking
Study/work: Professional cyclist
Best result ever: Junior National mtb champ
Season goal: Podium Elite Champs
Dream goal: Olympics Rio 2016

Carla Haines

Carla is what the Team is all about. She has been with the Team since she was fifteen years old. Now in her last year as an Under-23, she has already won the National Championships and intends to repeat that in her last year. At 21, she is one of our most experienced World Cup riders.

Residence: Plymouth (Great Britain)
Born: 04.05.1991
Height: 157cm
Weight: 53kg
Relationship: single
Started with biking: seriously 2009
Favourite food: Chicken Chorizo Paella
Favourite drink: Rose or Red Wine
Hobby: Surfing and Camping
Study/work: Swimming Teacher/Gym instructor/Lifeguard & Cyclist!
Best result ever: 2011 Gold Medal U23 National Championships
Season goal: Gold Medal in U23 National Championships
Dream goal: To be the best I can ever be.
**Gretel Warner**

Another one of the Team’s young development riders coming through from an early age. Now a first year Junior, this is a massive year as she looks on the world’s best Juniors as well as taking on our own national series and championships.

- **Residence:** Swanley, Kent (England)
- **Born:** 07.06.96
- **Height:** 157cm
- **Weight:** 44.5kg
- **Relationship:** single
- **Started with biking:** When I was 4 years old
- **Favourite food:** Chicken fajitas or pasta
- **Favourite drink:** water
- **Hobby:** Mountainbiking
- **Study/work:** Sixth Form and Life Guard
- **Best result ever:** National Schools Champion
- **Season goal:** Podium at NPS
- **Dream goal:** National Campion and top ten in World Cup

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**Natasha Berry**

Enduro/marathon rider of the Team, with a great victory and podium in 2012, and a second place in the 7th stage MTB race Tour of Wales by just 20 seconds.

- **Residence:** Portsmouth (England)
- **Born:** 21.10.1980
- **Height:** 162cm
- **Weight:** 55kg
- **Relationship:** married
- **Started with biking:** 2005
- **Favourite food:** nutella
- **Favourite drink:** vanilla shake
- **Hobby:** Horde riding and golf
- **Study/work:** Radiographer
- **Best result ever:** Brighton Big Dog Champion 2012
- **Season goal:** XC Marathon Champion
- **Dream goal:** Compete in World Marathon Champs
Abigail Van Twisk

Abigail is Trevor’s latest discovery. A very talented young rider in both mountain biking and cyclo-cross, Abigail is looking forward to competing in the colours of WXC World Racing with the National Series and Champs as her season’s goals.

Residence: London (England)
Born: 01.03.1997
Height: 162cms
Weight: 43.5kg
Relationship: single
Starting with biking: 3½ years old, cycling to school
Favourite food: Lasagne
Favourite drink: Lemonade
Hobby: Cycling!
Work: School
Best result ever: 3rd in first MTB National
Season goal: Improve my results in National Series and Championships
Dream goal: Compete for GB
CARLA HAINES
National Elite U-23 Cross Country Champion
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