

UMBRC Looks Forward to Spring Season



After a successful mountain bike season the University of Massachusetts Bicycle Racing Club is ready for a winter of rest and recovery...well, a week of rest and recovery, then it's time to get training again!



The 2007 spring road race schedule has been announced. The first race is hosted by Rutgers University in Piscataway, NJ on March 3rd. The second weekend, in Philadelphia, will be both an ECCC (Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference) and ACCC (Atlantic Collegiate Cycling Conference) race. Expect crazy things in Philadelphia with the gigantic field sizes expected on two technically demanding courses. While in Philadelphia, we will be racing on some of the same roads the US Pro Championship Race was held on. The following weekend we're off to New York City for Columbia University's infamous "Grant's Tomb Criterium." Sunday we'll race at Princeton University, which will be hosting a circuit race on an all-new course. The full schedule is listed below.

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2007 Spring Road Racing Schedule:

Date	Event Name + Flyer Links	Location	Event(s)	Team Points Value
3-Mar 4-Mar	Rutgers ECCC Season Opener	Piscataway, NJ	ITT, Crit, Circuit	3x
10-Mar 11-Mar	Philly Schuylkill Challenge Joint weekend w/ ACCC!	Philadelphia, PA	TTT, RR, Crit	3x
17-Mar	Columbia Grant's Tomb Criterium	New York, NY	Crit	1x
18-Mar	Princeton	Princeton, NJ	ITT, Crit or Circuit	2x
24-Mar 25-Mar	Bucknell Cycling Classic	Lewisburg, PA	TTT, RR, Crit	3x
31-Mar 1-Apr	Boston Beanpot Classic	Boston, MA	TTT, RR, Crit	3x
7-Apr 8-Apr	UVM/Dartmouth L'Enfer du Nord	Burlington, VT	TTT, RR, Crit	3x
14-Apr 15-Apr	Army Spring Classic	West Point, NY	TTT, RR, HCTT, Crit	4x
21-Apr 22-Apr	UNH	Durham, NH	RR, TTT, Crit	3x

28-Apr	Vassar Tour of the Hudson River Valley Eastern Conference			
29-Apr	Championships	New Paltz, NY	RR, TTT, Crit	6x
10-13 May	Collegiate Cycling National Championships	Lawrence, KS	RR, TTT, Crit	HC

The team time trials were a strong point for the team last year; we put in several 2nd place finishes, including second place at the conference championships hosted by Cornell. We're considering purchasing time trial helmets for the upcoming season because they have been proven in wind tunnel testing to decrease wind resistance. Adding to that advantage the aero bars the club purchased late last season, and we're going to have quite an aero arsenal! The time trials will again be a major focus for the team in the 2007 season. Time trials don't only involve speed, the team must negotiate other variables as well. The winning team isn't always the strongest; you must know how to push team members, how to ride in a pace-line efficiently, and how to draft. The length of time that each person will pull or block the wind for the other team members is pre-determined, as are the order in which the riders take their turn at the front. Our ability to communicate with each other and our overall fitness has given us strong time trial results, which we plan to improve upon.

New UMBRC Officers Elected

The UMBRC has elected new officers for the upcoming year. Jeff Elie will serve as co-president along with Alex Duggan, who will be returning for another year. Dan Forberg will be taking over the Webmaster duties and will also be a co-officer along with Spencer Fetrow, for the Sponsorship Officer position. As Transportation Coordinators, Alex Czulak and Anthony Maressa will be a great asset to the club by finding and reserving hotels. Chris Kessler returns as "The Coordinator", willing to help wherever he is needed. We are still seeking a new Treasurer. Matt Brewster has one semester left but needs to start training someone for the position. Of course we would like to give special thanks to all of those who make the UMBRC function.



UMBRC Winter Training

UMass racers have been training diligently through the winter to get ready for the season. We would like to extend our thanks to El Nino or whatever has caused this mild winter. The early start to the season means that racers begin training in November and December, no matter the weather, in order to prepare for races. We are a growing club and we are excited about the potential of our increasingly powerful team. Stay tuned for further updates throughout the season, available at www.umbrc.com.



As always, thank you for all your help and support. We would not be here without our sponsors, parents, coach, mentors, and bikes. And yes, this is probably the first thank you written to an inanimate object, but that's how we roll.

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