



## ProTour Teams

### 2009 TEAM FACT SHEET

#### **Astana Cycling Team (LUX)**

**Web site:** [www.astana-cyclingteam.com](http://www.astana-cyclingteam.com)

**2009 Roster:** 27 Riders

**Bike Used:** Trek

**2008 Highlights:** Riders finished first overall in the Amgen Tour of California, Giro d'Italia, Pais Vasco, Castilla y Leon and Tour of Romandie. Riders took four stage wins and first overall in the Vuelta a España. Team includes three National Champions representing Kazakhstan, Portugal and Lithuania. Thirty-five victories overall.

**About:** The new Astana Cycling Team is in its second year under the leadership of Johan Bruyneel, the eight-time winning Sports Director of the Tour de France. In Bruyneel's first year, Team Astana accumulated 35 victories, including the prestigious Grand Tours of Italy and Spain. The 2009 squad consists of 27 riders representing nine countries and includes Grand Tour leaders, Lance Armstrong, Alberto Contador, Andreas Klöden and Levi Leipheimer.



After coming off their early season training camps, the squad is motivated and prepared to continue their winning streak at the Amgen Tour of California, as Leipheimer has captured the overall win in both 2007 and 2008, by bringing experienced riders who have found success in "The Golden State."

Sponsored by a consortium of companies hailing from Astana, the capital of cycling enthused Kazakhstan, the team was created to foster national pride and develop the next generation of professional Kazakh cyclists.