



## ProTour Teams

### 2009 TEAM FACT SHEET

#### Garmin-Slipstream (USA)

**Web site:** [www.slipstreamsports.com](http://www.slipstreamsports.com)

**2009 Roster:** 29

**Bike Used:** Felt

**2008 Highlights:** The team finished first overall in the team time trial in the Giro d'Italia and Tour de Georgia. Riders placed fifth overall in the Tour de France. Riders also placed second and third overall in the Amgen Tour of California, as well as first in the team classification.

**About:** The Garmin-Slipstream team looks to 2009 with the goal of being one of the best teams in the world, as they'll hit the racing circuit as a ProTour licensed team for the first time, with an impressive squad that includes Olympic, world and national champions.



Most of the 2008 squad remains this season, including stars Christian Vande Velde, David Millar and U.S. national road champion David Zabriskie. New to the team is British track star Bradley Wiggins, who is the World track champion in the 4K individual pursuit, team pursuit (world record) and the Madison. Wiggins also won Olympic gold medals in the 4K individual pursuit and the team pursuit in Beijing this summer. Impressive Canadian talents Svein Tuft and Christian Meier join the team for 2009. Tuft took the silver medal in the 2008 World Time Trial Championships in Varese, Italy. Current Canadian national road champion, Meier has been riding for the team as a hard-working stagiaire for the last few months. Also watch out for Dutch sprinter Hans Dekkers, who beat star Tom Boonen to win the Nationale Sluitingprijs this past October.

In California, look for extremely aggressive riding and stage wins from this talented group of young professionals. The team's fearless riding style along with its distinctive orange and blue argyle clothing has made the squad a favorite with fans and media alike.

The team, based out of Colorado, is sponsored by Garmin - a global satellite navigation leader. It is dedicated to promoting ethical sporting and developing the next generation of cycling champions.