



ProTour Teams

2009 TEAM FACT SHEET

Quick Step (BEL)

Web site: www.qsi-cycling.com

2009 Roster: 27 riders

Bikes Used: Specialized Tarmac SL2 and Roubaix

2008 Highlights: Stage wins in the Tour de France, Vuelta a España, Tour of Qatar and Paris-Nice. Riders finished first overall in the Kuurne-Bruxelles-Kuurne and Paris-Roubaix. Riders took first overall and claimed stage wins in the Volta ao Algarve and Ronde van Belgie. Fifty-five victories overall.



About: The Belgian Quick Step team consistently produces top-caliber athletes, and will join the Amgen Tour of California in 2009 for the third time. Since its conception five years ago, the team has won more than 200 UCI races and six World Championship titles, including three road titles: two by Italian Paolo Bettini in 2007 and 2006, and Belgian Tom Boonen in 2005. While Boonen remains the team's headliner, younger teammates such as sprinter Wouter Weylandt are starting to emerge as future stars. At the end of 2008, according to recent statistics, this squad stands out as the highest-winning ProTour team in the last five years.

Though the famous Paolo Bettini has retired, 12 new riders have joined the Quick Step squad for the 2009 season. Among them are Sylvain Chavanel and Kevin Deweert from Cofidis; Dominique Cornu and Dries Devenyns from Silence Lotto; Dario Cataldo from Liquigas; and Marco Velo from Milram.

Team sponsor is Quick Step, a trendsetter in laminate floorings produced by Unilin Flooring.