



ProTour Teams

2009 TEAM FACT SHEET

Team Saxo Bank (DEN)

Web site: www.riis-cycling.com

2009 Roster: 28 Riders

Bike Used: Specialized

2008 Highlights (as Team CSC): Riders took first overall, best young rider, first overall team and three stage wins in the Tour de France. Riders also took first overall in the Milano-San Remo, Tirreno-Adriatico, Commerce Bank Int. Championship, Olympic Games time trial, Criterium International, Tour de Pologne, Herald Sun Tour, Monte Paschi Eroica and Rund um den Henninger Turm.

About: Saxo Bank brings one of the world's strongest teams to the 2009 Amgen Tour of California. Last season the squad finished at the top of the world team rankings for the fourth year running, and Team Saxo Bank plans to continue their domination in the race scene with top cyclists like Fabian Cancellara, Jens Voigt, Stuart O'Grady, Gustav Larsson, Fränk and Andy Schleck, Matti Breschel and Juan José Haedo.

This group of riders has always found success at the Amgen Tour of California. During the inaugural race in 2006, the Danish team won the team classification and had three cyclists finish in the top-ten overall. In 2007, the same squad, then named "Team CSC", won the teams classification again and finished with four riders in the top-six overall. Voigt finished second after a stage win, and Julich, O'Grady and Christian Vande Velde finished fourth, fifth and sixth respectively. Last season, Fabian Cancellara won the Prologue and Juan José Haedo followed with a Stage 1 victory. Cancellara and Gustav Larsson both finished in top-five overall.

Team Saxo Bank heads into 2009 after a successful 2008 season. In the Tour de France the Danish team made a strong statement when they took three overall victories: the Yellow Jersey (Carlos Sastre), the Young Rider jersey (Andy Schleck), as well as a victory in the team competition. On top of the many notable victories, the riders from Team Saxo Bank also won bronze medals in both the Olympics (Fabian Cancellara) and the World Championships (Matti Breschel). The team will be looking for both time trial and stage wins in the 2009 Amgen Tour of California – and maybe even the overall victory.

Main sponsor Saxo Bank is an online investment bank. They joined as a co-sponsor mid-season in 2008 and then assumed their title sponsorship of the squad in 2009.