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Georgetown Grand Cycling Race in the Streets May 19 – 20

The downtown streets of Georgetown will be transformed into a race course for 800 cyclists and 5,000 spectators for the inaugural Georgetown Grand on May 19 – 20. Professional and Olympic cyclists and bike racers from across the country are expected to compete in a criterium race, the exciting Grand Prix of cycling.

The Georgetown Grand, staged by Holland Racing, will be the state criterium championship weekend for the Texas Bicycle Racing Association on a course sanctioned by USA Cycling, the official competitive cycling organization in the U.S. A criterium is a closed-circuit race on a course of about one to two miles in length often staged on downtown streets.

The one-mile downtown course will include the courthouse Square and eight high-speed turns in a double-loop circuit. (See course map.)

Professional cyclists expected to compete in the Georgetown Grand include:

- David Wenger, current U.S. elite criterium champion, on Super Squadra Team
- Heath Blackgrove, former Olympian from New Zealand, on Elbowz Yamaha Cycling Team
- Brant Speed, current Texas state elite time trial champion
- Jen McRae, 2008 U.S. pro women's national criterium champion
- Stefan Rothe from Germany, current Texas state road race champion
- Ian Dille, currently ranked 5th in U.S. in criterium Cat 1, on Super Squadra Team

The Georgetown Grand also will include a non-competitive ride with routes of varying distances for recreational riders. The recreational ride on the morning of Saturday, May 19 will start and end on the criterium course and is expected to attract hundreds of riders.

The Georgetown Grand will be organized and managed by Holland Racing, a bike racing company known for hosting the weekly Driveway Series in Austin. Holland Racing also hosts the Tour of Austin, Hammerfest, Alsatian Country, and other racing events. Updates, race registration, race course and ride routes, and more will be available at GeorgetownGrand.com.