



Aaron's Cycling Team

Rock Hill Criterium

The Aaron's Cycling Team had another successful outing this past weekend. This time the team traveled to Rock Hill, South Carolina (just outside Charlotte) with a strong group of riders. The Women's Pro 1/2/3 race had 37 riders including some of the best in the world, such as Canadian National Champion and 2004 Olympian, Lynn Bessett, as well as a host of other strong professionals. Aaron's was once again represented by Shannon Hutchison. The weather conditions were brutal throughout the race with a strong head wind on the front stretch and temperatures dipping into the low 50's.



Shannon Hutchison and Lynn Bessett took turns going after the intermediate sprints throughout the race. It was clear to all that the victory would be battled out between the two of them. On the final lap, Shannon was positioned perfectly at the front of the pack. The group came around the last corner and onto the final stretch when Shannon shot out of the field with 300 meters to go with Bessett on her wheel drafting off of her. Shannon proved to be too strong for the Canadian. Look for a race report from Shannon on her exciting win soon.



The Men's team was equally successful with Erick Pierce winning the Category 3 (Elite) race in dramatic fashion. Not only did Erick win the race, which included a strong field of close to 50 riders, but he won nearly every single intermediate sprint in the process. With three laps to go (and keeping with our sales theme for the season), Erick jumped into a "breakaway" with three other riders. This breakaway group held off the field for the rest of the race. Then on the final stretch with 500 meters to go, Erick found himself in the wind, as his breakaway companions knew he was the strongest. Erick buried his head and blew the other rider's doors off for the win. This was Erick's first win of the season. We expect more to follow.



Rock Hill Results

Mens Cat 3

Erick Pierce 1st

Womens Cat 1

Shannon Hutchison 1st



Shannon did an excellent job staying on the front of the pack through most of the race.



Shannon crossed the line with her fist in the air recording her second victory for Aaron's!



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