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# World Champ!



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Toyota-United's Ivan Stevic (center) celebrates on the podium Sunday in Cape Town, South Africa, with second place finisher Erik Hoffmann of Namibia (left) and bronze medalist Alexandr Pliuschin of Moldova.

## Win Earns Toyota-United's Stevic Trip To Beijing Olympics

**Cape Town, South Africa** – Ivan Stevic of the Toyota-United Pro Cycling Team won the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) B World Championship road race Sunday in Cape Town, South Africa.

Stevic completed the challenging 100-mile (161 km) race in four hours, one minute and 47 seconds. Namibia's Erik Hoffman finished second and Alexandr Pliuschin of Moldova was third.

Stevic's victory is his sixth of the season and earns him an automatic entry into the Beijing Olympic Games next year.

The UCI B World Championships are an opportunity for countries where cycling is not necessarily a major sport to qualify cyclists for the Olympics.

Stevic is now headed to his home country of Serbia to defend his national road race title. He returns to the U.S. for the International Tour de Toona in Central Pennsylvania July 23-29.

**2007 TOYOTA-UNITED RACE CALENDAR**

**February**  
3 Boulevard Road Race ..... San Diego  
4 Red Trolley Classic..... San Diego  
18-25 AMGEN Tour of California ..... California

**March**  
3 Merco Credit Union Downtown Grand Prix ..... Merced, Calif.  
4 Merco Credit Union Foothills Road Race ..... Merced, Calif.  
9-11 Central Valley Classic..... Fresno, Calif.  
17-18 Quad Knopf Sequoia Cycling Classic..... Visalia, Calif.  
22-25 Redlands Bicycle Classic..... Redlands, Calif.  
31 Indio Grand Prix ..... Indio, Calif.

**April**  
1 Garrett Lemire Memorial Grand Prix ..... Ojai, Calif.  
7 U.S. Open Cycling Championships..... Richmond, Va.  
16-22 Tour de Georgia ..... Georgia

**May**  
2-5 Tour of the Gila ..... Silver City, N.M.  
6 Commerce Bank Five Borough Bike Tour ..... New York  
11-13 Joe Martin Stage Race ..... Fayetteville, Ark.  
17-20 Tri-Peaks Challenge..... Russellville, Ark.  
29-June 2 Mt. Hood Cycling Classic ..... Hood River, Ore.

**June**  
2 CSC Invitational ..... Arlington, Va.  
3 Commerce Bank Lancaster Classic ..... Lancaster, Penn.  
7 Commerce Bank Reading Classic..... Reading, Penn.  
10 Commerce Bank International Championship ... Philadelphia  
16 AT&T Austin Downtown Criterium ..... Austin, Texas  
20-24 Nature Valley Grand Prix ..... Minnesota  
23 Saturn Rochester Twilight Criterium ..... Rochester, N.Y.  
28-July 1 Fitchburg-Longsjo Classic..... Massachusetts

**July**  
1 Manhattan Beach Grand Prix ..... Manhattan Beach, Calif.  
7-8 Infineon Cougar Mountain Classic ..... Sonoma, Calif.  
11-15 Cascade Cycling Classic ..... Bend, Ore.  
23-29 The International Tour de Toona ..... Altoona, Penn.  
28 Wells Fargo Bank Twilight Criterium ..... Boise, Idaho

**August**  
4 Presbyterian Hospital Invitational Criterium . Charlotte, N.C.  
4 Pan Mass Challenge ..... Boston  
12 Tour of Elk Grove ..... Elk Grove, Ill.  
18 International Challenge ..... Downers Grove, Ill.  
19 USPRO Criterium Championship..... Downers Grove, Ill.  
24-25 Hotter n' Hell 100 ..... Wichita Falls, Texas

**September**  
1 The Cliffs USA Cycling Pro Champ. TT ..... Greenville, S.C.  
3 The Cliffs USA Cycling Pro Champ. RR ..... Greenville, S.C.  
8 Univest Grand Prix..... Souderton, Penn.  
11-16 Tour of Missouri ..... Missouri  
15 Tour de Leelanau..... Traverse City, Mich.

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# Dominguez Second In First Race Back

**Manhattan Beach, Calif.** – Ivan Dominguez's will to win was strong Sunday at the 46th edition of the Chevron Manhattan Beach Grand Prix. But after a month-and-a-half of rehabilitating a back injury, his legs were not quite fast enough to deliver him first to the finish line at the end of the 90-minute race.

"I wanted to win badly because so many people came out to see me," Dominguez said after finishing second to Rahsaan Bahati (Rock Racing). "But I just didn't feel fast enough today."

Dominguez was quick to add that Bahati – a former junior national criterium and road champion – won the field sprint impressively. Bahati's teammate, Kayle Leo Grande, also made the podium with his third-place finish.

"Bahati was 10 kilometers faster than me," Dominguez said. "He's riding good and this was good for him because his team owner put a lot of resources and backing into the race."

Toyota-United Team Director Harm Jansen said Dominguez's result should instill some confidence in the Cuban super sprinter. Dominguez won eight races in the first three-and-a-half months of the season before being sidelined following a crash after the finish of Stage 1 at the Tri-Peaks Challenge on May 17.

"Of course you always want to win, but second place isn't bad," Jansen said.

With six other teammates in the race Sunday, Dominguez was able to sit in the back of the peloton and periodically test his legs for what would ultimately be a dash to a 180-degree corner that sets the riders up for a final 300-meter sprint to the finish.

"I did a few sprints in the back to see how my legs were going and I knew then that I was not 100 percent," Dominguez said.

Sunday's race, in front of an estimated crowd of more than 7,500 spectators, was streamed live on the

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Dominguez climbed the podium Sunday for the first time since a win at the Joe Martin Stage Race May 11.

**Toyota-United Results for Manhattan Beach GP**

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Pro Since	Finish
Ivan Dominguez	5-9	160	2000	2nd
Henk Vogels	6-0	175	1995	9th
Sean Sullivan	6-3	163	2000	41st
Jose Manuel Garcia	5-9	160	1998	Not scored
Caleb Manion	5-10	132	2004	Not scored
Ryan Miller	5-11	165	2001	Not scored
Chris Wherry	6-2	162	1997	Not scored

## Toyota-United Team Owner: How To Stop Doping

The negative headlines that pro cycling is attracting through doping scandals in Europe are nothing new. In fact, they are likely to increase as the Tour de France gets underway in London on Saturday.

Toyota-United Pro Cycling Team Owner Sean Tucker was recently asked by journalist René Schuijlenburg of the cyclingheroes.info website what can be done to stop the issue of doping in the pro peloton.

In the interview, Tucker said the dynamics in European bicycle racing are structured to open the door to doping for two reasons: First, the riders are doing long, two- and three-week stage races. And second, if they do well in these big races, they can make a million or more dollars in salary and endorsements per year.

Tucker proposes a system that would hold a large percentage of a rider's salary

**"I would have to say the primary reason cyclists turn to doping is because of the way the system is set up."**

for an extended period, requiring a rider to test "clean" before he receives the balance of his paycheck.

"If a rider tests positive over the duration of a rolling 12-month window while under contract, he would forfeit the unpaid balance of his salary," Tucker said. "The money would instead go toward a foundation created to further research on doping and its psychological effects on cyclists."

Read the rest of the interview and details about Tucker's future goals for the Toyota-United team at [www.cyclingheroes.info](http://www.cyclingheroes.info).

# Bobby Lea Second In Fitchburg Finale

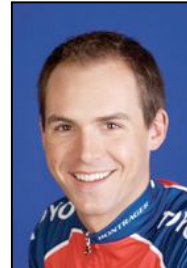
The final stage of the 47th edition of the Fitchburg-Longsjo Classic Sunday was perfectly suited for Toyota-United's Bobby Lea.

The 55-lap, 50-mile (80.5 km) criterium on a flat, three-corner course seemed destined to come down to a field sprint.

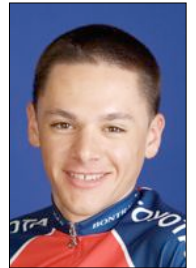
Lea, who has one criterium win to his credit this season and a runner-up finish in another, worked his way to the front on the final lap.

"I was second through the last corner and had to hit out before 200 (meters) to go into a headwind," Lea said.

The solo effort allowed Amaury Perez (GS Mengoni) to slip by in the closing meters and steal the win in the Workers Credit Union Downtown Criterium. Lea's second place finish was his best result of the four-day, four-stage race in Massachusetts.



**Bobby Lea**



**Stefano Barberi**

Lea's teammate, Stefano Barberi, finished 19th in Saturday's 69-mile (111 km) Wachusett Mountain Road Race and placed 57th overall, 10:48 back of overall winner Jacob Rytlewski (Rite Aid Pro Cycling). Lea finished the race 63rd overall, 16:33 back, and was fifth in the points competition.

### Toyota-United Race Results for Fitchburg Longsjo Classic

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Pro Since	1	2	3	4	Overall
Stefano Barberi	5-9	132	2005	25	84	19	70	57th, 10:48 behind
Bobby Lea	6-2	165	2006	51	77	69	2	63rd, 16:33 behind

# Dominguez Second At Manhattan Beach Grand Prix

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Internet by iBN Sports. On-line viewers saw Dominguez's Toyota-United teammates Ryan Miller, Jose Manuel "Chepe" Garcia, Caleb Manion, Chris Wherry, Sean Sullivan and Henk Vogels mass at the front with three laps to go.

Sullivan said what viewers at home could not see in the closing laps was a "messy and dangerous" battle as dozens of riders also fought their way to be in the front.

"The way the wind was blowing today, it was a pretty easy ride so at the finish, everyone was really fresh," he said.

The aggressive racing came to a head with half-a-lap to go when Wherry nearly crashed.

"Chris basically got pinched out and it nearly took out all the spokes in his front wheel," Jansen said. "Until that point, we had everything set up perfectly. So they had to come from 20 guys back so it really disrupted their whole rhythm."

Still, Vogels was able to tow Dominguez up to the front and get him into the final turn in second place.

"I went right out of the turn but Bahati made it seem like I was standing still when he went by," Dominguez said.



**Wherry (left) showed no effects of his illness at Nature Valley while Garcia (center) worked hard in the closing laps and Miller saw his first action with the team on the West Coast.**