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June 13&14: Top Men's/Women's Pro & Amateur Cycling Teams to Compete at Air Force Association Cycling Classic

Live Webcast available at: <http://cyclingclassic.org/>

(Arlington, VA) –Top professional and amateur cycling teams will compete for honors at the Air Force Association Cycling Classic (AFACC), one of the nation's premier cycling events. AFACC, proudly brought to you by The Boeing Company, takes place on **Saturday and Sunday, June 13/14**, in Arlington, VA. The Men's pro field will again see an international field in this USA Cycling National Criterium Calendar (NCC) race.

Participating Men's Pro*/Am Teams Include:

Jamis/Hagens Berman p/b Sutter Home* (USA)
UnitedHealthcare* (USA)
Airtgas Safeway* (USA)
Astellas* (USA)
Incycle Cannondale* (PUR)
Champion Systems/Stan's NoTubes* (USA)
Budget Forklifts* (AUS)
Amore & Vita-Selle SMP* (UKR)
IRT Racing * (USA)
Custom Velo p/b Altamira (USA)
Canadian National Team (CAN)
Isagenix/SeaSucker/Guttenplan Coaching (USA)
Texas Roadhouse Cycling (USA)
Battley Ducati/Spokes Etc./District Taco (USA)
QCW/Breakawaybikes.com p/b Felt-JLVelo (USA)
Kelly Benefit Strategies/LSV (USA)
Green Line Velo driven by Zipcar (USA)
Team Beyer KIA (USA)
Team Bike Doctor (USA)
Van Dessel Factory Team (USA)

Women's Pro*/Am Teams Include:

Tibco-SVB* (USA)
UnitedHealthcare* (USA)
Itau Shimano Ladies Power* (ARG)
Pepper Palace p/b The Happy Tooth* (USA)
Colavita-Fine Cooking (USA)
Fearless Femme p/b Haute Wheels (USA)
Mellow Mushrooms (USA)
PainPathways (USA)
Team EPS/CSS p/b Shebell & Shebell (USA)
NCVC.UnitedHealthCare (USA)
Pain Pathways (USA)
Carolina Cycling (USA)
Incycle Racing p/b Full Circle Cycling (USA)
Healthy and Happy Racing (USA)

This year's fields will be the most competitive in years! On the Men's side, the UnitedHealthcare (UHC) team will be bringing their Crit "Hit" squad, lead by Karl Menzies (AUS), leader in USA Cycling's National Criterium Calendar Standings.

"I am happy to represent team UnitedHealthcare at this weekend's Air force Association Cycling Classic. Although the team has raced this event in the past, I have missed the last two years and am excited to return with our team's best possible roster," said Karl Menzies. "The atmosphere at this event is great and the races have a reputation of being hard and selective. A win this weekend for the team would be a highlight of the season."

Menzies will have 5 other teammates, including Bradly White (USA) and Carlos Alzate Escobar (COL).

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"We have a strong lead in the NCC going into the Air Force Association Cycling Classic," says Mike Tamayo, UHC Team Director. "Its a great weekend of racing for us to further extend our lead at a high quality event in a beautiful city. For me personally its one of my favorite races with such a historic backdrop."

Jamis/Hagens Berman p/b Sutter Home will be returning this year with a strong team, however, lead by Sebastian Haedo (ARG), and have proven to know the combination to defeat the powerful UHC Blue Train.

The Astelas-Safeway team will be showcasing former Vuelta e Spana winner Chris Horner, who recently finished 5th at USA Cycling's Pro Road Race National Championships in Chattanooga, TN. Other notable riders who made last year's podium include Olympian Bobby Lea, leading the composite Custom Velo/Altamira team, and local rider David Guttenplan of Isagenix/SeaSucker/Guttenplan Coaching.

The women's field will be lead by the reigning USA Cycling Professional Criterium National Champion Kendall Ryan and her TICO-SVB squad. However, the UnitedHealthcare Women's team will certainly be a force to recon with former National Champion Coryn Rivera and Olympic bronze medalist Lauren Tamayo, who will be supported by a full squad that will keep the pressure on. Of course, this event would not be the same without local rider Laura Van Gilder of the Mellow Mushroom squad, who has chalked up 11 top three podiums in Arlington since 1999, including 4 wins.

The full Men's roster is available [HERE](#) and Women's Pro/Am rosters can be found [HERE](#).

Those unable to attend the races can still catch all of the racing action on the AFACC's live webcast available [here](#). The 2015 Air Force Association Cycling Classic, combines two signature races into one action-packed cycling weekend. The excitement begins on **Saturday, June 13, with the broadcast covering both Men's and Women's Clarendon Cup races, beginning at 10am, and running until 2:30pm. Then again on Sunday, June 14th, coverage of the Crystal Cup will begin at 9:30am, and run to 2:00pm.**

The webcast, also to be found on our website, www.CyclingClassic.org, will highlight many other of the weekends activities, including the **8th Annual Air Force Association Cycling Classic Challenge Ride** – a non-competitive event that offers participants an opportunity to ride a 15km course around the Air Force Memorial, the Pentagon and through Crystal City.

Arlington Sports, Inc is a Washington, DC-based 501(c)3 non-profit, dedicated to the promotion and development of professional and amateur bike racing. For additional information on the Air Force Association Cycling Classic and other ASI events, please visit www.arlingtonsports.org.