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TIS Racing Team 2018 campaign officially launched

The Tasmanian Institute of Sport (TIS) Racing Team has officially launched its 2018 National Road Series campaign.

For the first time, the team will feature three national guest riders, bringing additional talent to the team that will ultimately benefit Tasmania's emerging athletes.

Also a first for the team, three under-15 athletes have been selected for the Giant TIS Racing Team mentoring program. Each athlete will be paired with a TIS Racing Team mentor.

Further, Tasmanian private health insurance company St.LukesHealth has been announced as the new naming rights partner of the St.LukesHealth TIS Racing Team (women), sitting alongside the Dulux TIS Racing Team (men).

St.LukesHealth CEO Paul Lupo said he was pleased the fund was able to help build the confidence of these young athletes as they embarked on national and international level competition.

"St.Lukes Health's partnership with the TIS women's team perfectly aligns with our mission to help those in our community stay healthy, get well and live better," he said.

"We have been staunch advocates for supporting athletes both at grassroots and competitive level, with partnerships over many years with cyclists like Georgia Baker and Amy Cure.

"It is fulfilling to watch these Tasmanian athletes, as well as the likes of Lauren Perry and Macey Stewart, as they work towards fulfilling their dreams of competing on the national and international stage.

"Under the guidance of the TIS, we look forward to watching the individual journeys of each one of these riders over the next 12 months."

Head Cycling Coach Matthew Gilmore congratulated the athletes on their selection.

He also thanked the sponsors that made it possible to field a men's and women's team for the National Road Series.

"These athletes have demonstrated the potential and work ethic to develop into international competitors and have been selected on this basis," Gilmore said.





With renewing support from major partners Dulux, Giant Bicycles Australia and women's brand LIV, and the University of Tasmania, the team has strong foundations for this year's National Road Series competition.

Gilmore said he was pleased that Dulux, Spirit of Tasmania, Giant and UTAS had continued their support of the program in Tasmania, and welcomed St.LukesHealth as a new partner.

"We look forward to continuing our work with them to demonstrate the potential of investing in young careers," he said.

Dulux National Corporate Sale Manager, Tim Jamieson, said the company was delighted to continue as a major partner of the TIS Racing Team in 2018.

"The company believes in identifying and developing talent and professionalism in all levels of our business," Jamieson said.

"The TIS provides the structures, pathways and leadership to propel the careers of young athletes forward and we are proud to be part of that journey and mirror it in our own company."

For Giant CEO, Darren Rutherford, working with a development team is a critical part of Giant's reach into the community and grassroots cycling.

"We are proud to support the TIS Racing Team and have been impressed by the attitude of the athletes, their participation in club and community cycling and willingness to bring the next generation of riders up behind them. That's what the sport is about and that's the culture that Giant and Liv wants to help foster."

A keen cyclist himself, Spirit of Tasmania CEO Bernard Dwyer said the company was pleased to again provide support for the team and assist to make it possible for young athletes to compete against the best in Australia.

"The partnership allows us show Tasmania off as a destination for travellers and cyclists," he said.

"We already know that Tasmania is the perfect destination for cycling tourism.

"While Spirit of Tasmania is very pleased to put its name to supporting young Tasmanians achieving excellence in their sport, promoting Tasmania for the benefit of the tourism sector and the broader economy is also obviously important to us."





The team will be co-captained by Jacob Langham of Penguin and Zack Gilmore of Launceston and Georgia Baker and Lauren Perry of Launceston.

The Dulux TIS Racing Team will commence their season with the Tour of the Great South Coast on 15 August.

The St.LukesHealth TIS Racing Team will commence their season with the Battle Recharge in Queensland on Friday 27 July.

St.Luke'sHealth TIS Racing Team

Georgia Baker (Captain) (Launceston)
Lauren Perry (Vice-Captain) (Launceston)
Belamie Flint (Launceston)
Madeleine Fasnacht (Hobart)
Anya Louw (Devonport)
Kristina Clonan (Queensland)
Ruby Rose Gannon (Victoria)

Dulux TIS Racing Team

Jacob Langham (Co-captain) (Penguin)
Zack Gilmore (Co-captain) (Launceston)
Josh Duffy (Launceston)
Zac Johnson (Launceston)
Jake Oliver (Ulverstone)
Luke Thompson (Hobart)
Connor Leahy (Western Australia)
Josh Wilson (Launceston)

Giant TIS Racing Team Mentees

Dalton Stretton (Penguin)
Liam Brown (Devonport)
Sam Mounter (Hobart)

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