

## **Cycling News Roundup 17 April 2009**

### **Le Mans 24 Hour**

The 24 Hours Cycling Race will take place on the 22nd and 23rd of August, 2009 on the mythical Bugatti circuit of Le Mans (France), world renowned battlefield where the greatest motor-sport champions already made history! CGO organizes this first edition with the support of the French Cycling Federation, partnerships with Shimano France (who will bring technical assistance) and Roger LEGEAY (ex Team manager of the Credit Agricole Team) as patron of the event.

As in all endurance races, teams are free to build their own relay strategy in order to ride as many laps as possible within the 24 Hours and experience the thrill of competing all through the night and see the sun rising on the circuit. The Microchips will allow the bikers to follow their general ranking and also their ranking by category.

French ex professionals such as Eddy Seigneur (winner of a Stage of the Tour de France in 1994, French championship winner on road in 1995...), Eric Leblacher (ex racer for the Credit Agricole Team, winner of Bruxelles – Opwijk... coming back into amateur competition after a broken leg in 2008), and Jean François Bernard (Amateur road champion in 1983, winner of Paris-Nice in 1992, winner of different stages during The Tour de France, The Giro d'Italia and in Vuelta Espana) have registered to take on this challenge. 170 teams have registered composing 170 teams for the event in August.

<http://www.24heuresvelo.fr/en>

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