

First cycling team invited to 2011 Tour de California

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The Jamis/Sutter Home Pro Cycling Team has been invited to race the 2011 Amgen Tour of California. Directeur Sportif Sebastian Alexandre made the announcement.

“The Amgen Tour of California is one of the most important stage races in professional cycling,” said Alexander. “We are proud to be selected and look forward to lining up with the best riders in the international peloton.”

“The Amgen Tour of California is the premier road racing event in North America,” said Carine Joannou, President of title sponsor Jamis Bicycles. “We are thrilled that our squad and our bikes will have the opportunity to compete against the world’s top pro teams.”

NRC Champion Luis Amaran, now in his fourth season with Jamis/Sutter Home, is a favorite for a stage win. In 2010, Amaran captured his first NRC overall win at the Joe Martin Stage Race and finished on the podium in nearly every major event, including his stage two victory at the SRAM Tour of the Gila ahead of three-time Amgen Tour of California winner Levi Leipheimer.

Alexandre also expects podium appearances for Jamis/Sutter Home veteran Alejandro Borrajo. An accomplished sprinter with the strength and endurance for climbing, Borrajo delivered Jamis/Sutter Home’s first major win of the 2010 season with his victory in the stage two road race at the UCI 2.2 Rutas de America in Uruguay. He went on to win the Redlands Bicycle Classic road race, the Wilmington Grand Prix, and the opening stage of the Fitchburg Longsjo Classic.

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