

Philip Deignan

Nationality	IRL
City	Girona (ESP)
Birth date	07.09.1983
Age	27
Height	180 cm
Weight	64 kg
Pro since	2005
Cervélo since	2009
Previous teams	2005 – 2008: AG2R
Career highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Stage 18 Vuelta a España (ESP) 2009 9 Vuelta a España (ESP) 2009 7 Vuelta Castilla y Leon (ESP) 2009 1 Tour du Doubs (FRA) 2005
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Biography

The Irish all-rounder enjoyed a breakout season in his first year with Cervélo. After a promising amateur career, Deignan finally posted some well-deserved results in his fifth season in the pro ranks. The 26-year-old rode in support of team captain Carlos Sastre at the Giro d'Italia before taking full advantage of his opportunity to shine as a GC rider at the Vuelta a España. With a string of solid performances in the key stages, Deignan won a two-man battle into Ávila in the Vuelta's final week to claim Ireland's first grand tour stage victory since 1992. Deignan notched an impressive ninth overall for a career-best grand tour result. Deignan will look to continue his steady progress in 2010, with continued focus on and development of his overall grand tour potential.

Hobbies:

Motor racing, cinema, PlayStation 3

Favorite charity:

[Irish Cancer Society](#) (for cancer research, because we have all lost someone to this disease)

Favorite training ride:

Northwest Ireland along the coast in Donegal—usually in the rain, though

Favorite race:

Liège-Bastogne-Liège

Favorite Cervélo bike:

The S3 does everything.

Product development goal for 2010:

To help make a product safer and faster

Personal cycling goal for 2010:

To help Carlos reach the podium in the Tour

Personal career highlight:

Winning a Vuelta stage into Ávila and finishing 9th overall

How and when did you begin riding?

In 1998, when I did a charity ride for cancer research

When did you know you wanted to be a pro?

In 2002, when I went to race in Belgium for the summer

What was the proudest moment in your life?

When I first signed pro in 2005

Why do you want to be part of Cervélo TestTeam?

In this team it's possible to race hard and have fun at the same time.

Favorite cycling moment:

When Sean Kelly won the 1992 Milan–San Remo

Cycling tip for the average rider:

Just enjoy yourself.