

Volodimir Gustov

Nationality	UKR
City	Valeggio sul Mincio (ITA)
Birth date	15.02.1977
Age	32
Height	179 cm
Weight	63 kg
Pro since	2000
Cervélo since	2009
Previous teams	2000 – 2005: Fassa Bortolo 2006 – 2008: Team CSC
Career highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Stage 2 Deutschland Tour, TTT (GER) 2007 3 Stage 1 Giro d'Italia (ITA) 2007 3 Stage 11 Vuelta a España (ESP) 2006 1 Stage 11 Vuelta a España, TTT (ESP) 2006 1 Stage 5 Giro d'Italia, TTT (ITA) 2006 1 Stage 1b Internazionale Coppi-Bartali, TTT (ITA) 2006 1 Regio Tour International (GER) 2003 2 RR National Championships (UKR) 2000

Biography

Rock solid—that's the only way to describe Gustov's dogged consistency. Cycling is a hard sport that requires hard men, and the veteran Ukrainian more than fits the bill. A steady climber, Gustov is often at the head of the pack setting a brutal pace midway up the decisive climbs to set up team captain Carlos Sastre for stage-winning attacks. Gustov rode in all the major races in 2009, from the spring classics through the Giro d'Italia and Tour de France, always selflessly plugging away. For 2010, Gustov will continue to deliver his valued consistency.

Hobbies:

I love being with my family and my friends as much as I can.

Field of study?

School of sport

Favorite charity:

Any charity, especially those that help children and people suffering from cancer

Favorite training ride:

Up and down the mountains that surround the beautiful Lake Garda

Favorite race:

Giro d'Italia and Tour de France

Favorite Cervélo bike:

S3

Product development goal for 2010:

To try to help all the TestTeam partners make their products better

Personal cycling goal for 2010:

Win a stage in the Giro d'Italia

Personal career highlight:

The Tour de France 2008 and the Giro d'Italia 2006

How and when did you begin riding?

When I was 10 years old, watching cycling on TV...I love this sport!

When did you know you wanted to be a pro?

When I started cycling

Why do you want to be part of Cervélo TestTeam?

Because this team is an innovative idea. It's a new team with a new and very good philosophy. Also, I like Cervélo bikes.

Favorite cycling moment:

In 2008, when I came in first position onto the Champs-Élysées and my captain was about to win the Tour de France

What do you want to do after your career in cycling?

I want to work in the countryside with my wife.

Cycling tip for the average rider:

Enjoy yourself. Perseverance is the key to satisfaction and fun.