

Claudia Häusler

Nationality	GER
City	München (GER)
Birth date	17.11.1985
Age	24
Height	169 cm
Weight	52 kg
Pro since	2005
Cervélo since	2009
Previous teams	2005 – 2005: ELK Haus – Tirol Noe 2006 – 2008: Equipe Nürnberger Versicherung
Career highlights	1 Giro d'Italia (ITA) 2009 1 Stage 7 Giro d'Italia (ITA) 2009 1 Tour de l'Aude (FRA) 2009 1 Stage 6 Giro d'Italia (ITA) 2008 1 RR National Championships (GER) 2006
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Biography

Häusler was a major force on the stage-race circuit in 2009. The German climbing specialist proved she's capable of winning major international events in her breakout five-win season with Cervélo TestTeam. She went from strength to strength as the season progressed, starting out with two early-season wins before riding to the third podium spot at the prestigious World Cup race La Flèche Wallonne in Belgium during the spring classics. On the heels of that success, she racked up overall victories at the very important Tour de l'Aude and Giro d'Italia stage races and took second overall at the demanding Emakumeen Bira in Spain's hilly Basque Country. For 2010, Häusler will continue to climb up the mountains and into victories as one of the team's captains.

Hobbies:

Climbing, baking, cooking

Field of study:

Mechanical engineering

Favorite charity:

Cycling for Africa: A good friend of mine will take part in the Tour d'Afrique. For every kilometer (11,844 km) covered during the Tour d'Afrique she would like to collect a symbolic €3 in donations for "Hilfe für Kwale District e.V." (Help for Kwale District).

Muskeln für Muskeln (Muscles for Muscles): I'm ambassador of this campaign, which fights for more medical research into SMA (spinal muscular atrophy).

Favorite training ride:

I live in the alpine upland, near the Alps, so I always have a nice view during my hilly and varied training rides. In this area there are many narrow winding roads with very little traffic.

Favorite race:

Giro d'Italia, Flèche Wallone

Favorite Cervélo bike:

R3. I feel fast on the uphill, safe on the downhill and comfortable on the cobbles.

Product development goal for 2010:

I'm excited to test SRAM and I'd like to go on working with the ROTOR Q-rings.

Personal cycling goal for 2010:

Title defense at the Giro d'Italia

Personal career highlight:

Winning the Giro was an incredible emotional moment.

How and when did you begin riding?

My parents are enthusiastic cyclists. As a kid I had lots of hobbies, but at the age of 14 I realized that cycling is what I like most.

When did you know you wanted to be a pro?

That was a development, not one special key moment.

Why do you want to be part of Cervélo TestTeam?

This is a special team with a very special, very positive team spirit.

Favorite cycling moment:

Heinrich's stage win at the Tour de France

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

I'd like to work as an engineer.

Cycling tip for the average rider:

It is more important to have fun than to have the right heart rate!