

Thor Hushovd

Nationality	NOR
City	Montecarlo (MON)
Birth date	18.01.1978
Age	31
Height	183 cm
Weight	83 kg
Pro since	2000
Cervélo since	2009
Previous teams	2000 – 2008: Crédit Agricole
Career highlights	1 Points Classification Tour de France (FRA) 2009
	1 Stage 6 Tour de France, Barcelona (FRA) 2009
	3 Paris - Roubaix (FRA) 2009
	3 Milano - Sanremo (ITA) 2009
	1 Omloop Het Nieuwsblad (BEL) 2009
	1 Stage 3 Tour of California (USA) 2009
	1 Stage 2 Tour de France (FRA) 2008
	1 Prolog Paris - Nice (FRA) 2008
	1 Stage 4 Tour de France (FRA) 2007
	1 Points Classification Vuelta a España (ESP) 2006
	1 Stage 6 Vuelta a España (ESP) 2006
	1 Stage 20 Tour de France (FRA) 2006
	1 Prolog Tour de France (FRA) 2006
	1 Stage 7 Criterium du Dauphiné Libéré (FRA) 2006
	1 Gent - Wevelgem (BEL) 2006
	1 Stage 4 Tirreno - Adriatico (ITA) 2006
	1 Stage 5 Vuelta a España (ESP) 2005
	1 Points Classification Tour de France (FRA) 2005
	1 Stage 1 Criterium du Dauphiné Libéré (FRA) 2005
	1 Stage 8 Tour de France (FRA) 2004
	1 Tour de Vendée (FRA) 2004
	1 Stage 2 Criterium du Dauphiné Libéré (FRA) 2003
	1 Stage 18 Tour de France (FRA) 2002
	1 Paris - Corrèze (FRA) 2001
	1 Stage 1 Tour de Picardie (FRA) 2000
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Biography

Without question, Hushovd enjoyed his best season ever as a professional after donning the Cervélo colors. The big Norwegian stormed out of the gate early, with victories at the Tour of California and the spring semi-classic Omloop Het Nieuwsblad (formerly Het Volk) and third places at Milan–San Remo and Paris-Roubaix to confirm his classics credentials. He sped to two more sprint victories at the Volta a Catalunya in May before riding with strength and grace at the Tour de France, where he won a sprint victory into Barcelona. His tenacity and climbing strength in a solo attack across the French Alps in Stage 17 helped him snag vital points to claim his second career green points jersey. The 32-year-old closed the year with nine victories and confidence to burn going into 2010, where he will be focusing on the spring classics and then reloading for the grand tours as he enters the sweet spot of his career.

Hobbies:

Skiing, hunting in Norway

Field of study:

I haven't finish the degree, but I started with marketing. I was never home for the exams.

Favorite charity:

Cancer

Favorite training ride:

Back in Norway on a snowy day, riding my MTB in cold weather and seeing the sun come up late midday

Favorite race:

Paris-Roubaix

Favorite Cervélo bike:

S3

Product development goal for 2010:

Give all the sponsors feedback on their products. Tell them what's good, and what is NOT good. I want a stiff bike, with all the components stiff too. Better for me, better for the consumer!

Personal cycling goal for 2010:

Win a big classic race

Personal career highlight:

Green jersey at the Tour in 2009

How and when did you begin riding?

My older brother was a rider. I went riding with him and liked it straight away.

When did you know you wanted to be a pro?

When I won an amateur race in 1998—Paris-Roubaix for amateurs

What was the proudest moment in your life?

When I got my little daughter, Isabel

Why do you want to be part of Cervélo TestTeam?

I like the team's philosophy about races and product development. Because of this, the races are not the most important thing for the team. So we don't have too much pressure. Modern cycling!

Favorite cycling moment:

Tailwind, sunshine, 28 degrees, and the ocean on my right side, with good friends

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

I'm not sure at the moment, but maybe try to help the cycling industry make even better products.

Cycling tip for the average rider:

Go out and find a nice little road, and have fun!