

Ted King

Nationality	USA
City	Girona (ESP)
Birth date	31.01.1983
Age	27
Height	188.5 cm
Weight	78 kg
Pro since	2006
Cervélo since	2009
Previous teams	2006 – 2007: Priority Health 2008 – 2008: Bissel Pro Cycling
Career highlights	1 Lake Auburn (USA) 2009 1 Hanes Park Classic (USA) 2008 1 Tour of the Hilltowns (USA) 2008 1 Three Village Tour (USA) 2007
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Biography

College-graduate King made the most of his first season in Europe, soaking up the ambiance, history and excitement of racing in the world's most important events. The American proved he was up to the tough task of racing on the grueling circuit, posting solid results throughout a long rookie season. He more than proved himself by making it to the finish line in a very mountainous and challenging Giro d'Italia in what was his debut in a three-week grand tour. He closed his fine debut season racing in front of home crowds at the Tour of Missouri. King will continue on his steady progress in 2010, building on the foundation of his first season to be more aggressive in breakaways.

Hobbies:

Cooking, reading, writing, perusing the Internet, and romantic walks on the beach

Field of study:

I majored in economics and minored in mathematics at Middlebury College in Vermont.

Favorite charity:

[The Krempels Foundation](#). My father had a stroke nearly seven years ago, so brain injury is something near and dear to my heart. He's an amazing and inspirational survivor.

Favorite training ride:

I'm spoiled on this one. In the States, pretty much anything in New England will keep me entertained. The central Green Mountains of Vermont are incredible, as are the Smokey Mountains in Asheville, North Carolina. Living in Girona is great, with so many challenging rides to choose from. I'll go with riding from Girona to Puigcerda as a European favorite.

Favorite race:

Plenty of great ones here, but I have to say the Giro d'Italia, being my first grand tour.

Favorite Cervélo bike:

I'm very content with the S2. The P3 is pretty buttery smooth too...and fast.

Product development goal for 2010:

I'd like to have a product named after me. "The King" has a nice ring to it, right? No, just kidding. I'd like to work with more prototypes in 2010. I think giving feedback on products not yet in regular production is noteworthy.

Personal cycling goal for 2010:

This is less generic than it sounds, but I'd like to win in Europe. I got my feet wet in 2009 and now it's time to step it up.

Personal career highlight:

Being the top-ranked American in the USA's National Racing Calendar (NRC) in 2008 is something I'm really proud of. I think I was 68th the year before—that rapid rise to the top helped convince me that I had some potential.

How and when did you begin riding?

My older brother Robbie brought home a bike one summer and after about 30 seconds riding that, I was hooked. To Robbie, I am eternally grateful.

When did you know you wanted to be a pro?

To be honest it happened more by coincidence and circumstance than anything else. While my friends and I were a few months away from graduating college, they were all applying to jobs and I was applying to professional cycling teams. I had been racing as an amateur in America and an espoir in Europe until that point, but it didn't really dawn on me to seek pro-dom until then. A "real" job or race a bike for a living...need I say more?

What was the proudest moment in your life?

Good Lord, I haven't yet been married, don't have any children, and haven't won a grand tour, so I guess I'm still waiting for this one. Oh, I finished reading *Atlas Shrugged*, once upon a time; that's more than noteworthy.

Why do you want to be part of Cervélo TestTeam?

This team is a perfect fit for my introduction to European racing. As a brand-new team in 2009, there were no preconceptions, all the guys get along well, and a fringe benefit is the results—they speak to our ability to mesh and work together well.

Favorite cycling moment:

Racing Carlos onto the podium in the 2009 Giro

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

Retire. Also, I'm interested in the field of environmental economics, which would be fitting given that I graduated with an econ degree from Middlebury. That's a broad answer, but it's an aspect of business that's just now starting to be tapped.

Cycling tip for the average rider:

Mix it up! It's easy to get stagnant and just ride for the sake of riding. While there's nothing necessarily wrong with that, it's fun to test out different terrain and different intensities, and ride with people of varying abilities. Challenging yourself is what I'm really recommending here.