

Patricia Schwager

Nationality	SUI
City	Balterswil (SUI)
Birth date	06.12.1983
Age	27
Height	168 cm
Weight	54 kg
Pro since	2006
Cervélo since	2009
Previous teams	2006 – 2006: Elk Haus NÖ 2007 – 2007: Raleigh – Lifeforce 2008 – 2008: Cervélo – Lifeforce
Career highlights	2 TT National Championships (SUI) 2009 2 Stage 2 Tour de l'Aude (FRA) 2009 2 Prix des Vins Valloton (SUI) 2009
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Biography

A natural-born climber, the Swiss rider provided solid team support throughout the long racing season. She was a key teammate supporting both Claudia Häusler's victories in the stage races and Kirsten Wild in the sprints. Her best personal success came on home roads, when she nearly snatched victory with second place at the Swiss national time trial championships and rode to eighth at the GP Suisse. Schwager will continue to provide vital support in 2010 as well as working for her own victories when the opportunity arises.

Hobbies:

Reading books, the Internet, music, climbing, baking

Field of study:

Baker/confectioner

Favorite charity?

I don't have a special favorite, but I always want to know that my help goes to the right place.

Favorite training ride:

A long ride in the mountains on a nice summer day

Favorite race:

Montréal World Cup, Giro del Trentino and Giro d'Italia Femminile

Favorite Cervélo bike:

P3. With this great bike you have to be fast in the time trials!

Product development goal for 2010:

Give good feedback. I'm looking forward to testing the new products.

Personal cycling goal for 2010:

Reach a step higher than last year with my performance, be successful with and for the team, and be

Swiss champion

Personal career highlight:

The Worlds 2009 in Mendrisio—it was an amazing feeling to race in my home country!

How and when did you begin riding?

I always wanted to have a race bike and when I got it, I knew that I had found my sport.

When did you know you wanted to be a pro?

When I started in the junior category at the 2001 Worlds in Lisbon. It was amazing to meet a lot of my idols there!

What was the proudest moment in your life?

When I wore the jersey of the national team for the first time.

Why do you want to be part of Cervélo TestTeam?

Because of the great team spirit we have and the way the team is racing

Favorite cycling moment:

Our team winning the Giro d'Italia 2009 (winning team classification and GC with Claudia)—it was a big fight!

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

I would like to do something within the sport.

Cycling tip for the average rider:

Don't follow me...enjoy your ride!