

## Xavier Tondo

Nationality	ESP
City	Sant Joan les Fonts, Girona (ESP)
Birth date	05.11.1978
Age	31
Height	183 cm
Weight	68 kg
Pro since	2003
Cervélo since	2010
Previous teams	2003 – 2003: Paternina – Costa de Almeria 2004 – 2004: Barbot – Gaia 2005 – 2005: Catalunya – Angel Mir 2006 – 2006: Relax – Gam 2007 – 2008: LA – MSS 2009 – 2009: Andalucia – Cajasur
Career highlights	2 Stage 5 Vuelta Ciclista a Burgos (ESP) 2009 4 Vuelta Ciclista a Murcia (ESP) 2009 2 Vuelta a Andalucia (Ruta del Sol) (ESP) 2009 1 Prolog Vuelta a Andalucia (Ruta del Sol) (ESP) 2009 1 Stage 5 Tour de San Luis (ARG) 2009 2 Vuelta Ciclista Asturias (ESP) 2008 1 Subida al Naranco (ESP) 2008 1 Volta a Portugal (POR) 2007 1 GP de Ciclismo de Torres Vedras (POR) 2007 1 Stage 3 Vuelta Ciclista Asturias (ESP) 2005 1 Volta ao Alentejo (POR) 2005 1 Vuelta a Ávila (ESP) 2002

## Biography

The experienced Tondo will join Cervélo in 2010 as part of the team's Spanish contingent. An accomplished climber and time trialist, Tondo enjoyed an excellent 2009 campaign, with victories at the Tour de San Luis and the Ruta del Sol. He matched that with consistent results in stage races, notching sixth at the Vuelta a Castilla y León and eighth at the Volta a Catalunya before riding onto the podium with second at the Vuelta a Burgos. For 2010, he will provide additional support to team captain Carlos Sastre in the grand tours and have the chance to shine on his own in other events throughout the season.

## Hobbies:

My hobbies are everything related to cycling, and also sharing good moments with my friends.

## Favorite charity:

My favorite charity is the [Marató de TV3](#) (Catalunya) because it joins the Catalan people together for a good cause.

## Favorite training ride:

The road that climbs to Vallter 2000 on a calm summer day

## Favorite race:

I like the classics, though they are not my specialty.

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**Favorite Cervélo bike:**

I'm charmed with the S3 bike with the Zipp 808 wheels.

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**Product development goal for 2010?**

I'm very looking forward to use Powertap.

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**Personal cycling goal for 2010:**

To help Carlos Sastre in the mountains during the Giro d'Italia

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**Personal career highlight:**

When I won the difficult mountain stage of the Vuelta a Asturias 2005, because I realized my personal potential to become a good climber

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**How and when did you begin riding:**

The main reason was Miguel Indurain. I've been riding since 1992.

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**When did you know you wanted to be a pro?**

Since I first watched the races on TV, I have dreamt of being a cycling pro.

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**What was the proudest moment in your life?**

When the directors of the other teams considered me to be one of the favorites of the Vuelta 09.

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**Why do you want to be part of Cervélo TestTeam?**

To be part of Cervélo TestTeam is like a dream come true for me. I like the Cervélo bikes, the innovation of the equipment and the contact with the sponsors. All these aspects are important for a professional rider.

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**Favorite cycling moment:**

When Carlos Sastre attacked on Alpe d'Huez to win the Tour de France

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

I would like to create a school of cycling and help young men to become cyclists.

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**Cycling tip for the average rider:**

Enjoy the bicycle safely, and with respect for the environment. And look for a group of friends to share good moments on the bicycle.