

Fast Facts: ASTANA



Team Information

UCI Code	AST
Based	Kazakhstan
Web	www.astana.lu
Status	ProTeam
Sponsor	Five companies from Kazakhstan

2011 Santos Tour Down Under Team List

Race #	Name	Country	Date of Birth
61	DAVIS Allan	Australia	27 July 1980
62	CLARKE Simon	Australia	18 July 1986
63	GOUROV Maxim	Kazakhstan	30 January 1979
64	GRIVKO Andriy	Ukraine	7 September 1983
65	IGLINSKIY Valentin	Kazakhstan	12 May 1984
66	KANGERT Tanel	Estonia	11 March 1987
67	NEPOMNYACHSHIY Yevgeniy	Kazakhstan	12 March 1987

Team Manager

BONTEMPI Guido ITA

THE RIDERS: DID YOU KNOW?

- Allan Davis is the only rider to compete at all 13 editions of the Santos Tour Down Under (1999 – 2011).
- In 2010, Allan Davis won gold at the Commonwealth Games in India in the Men's Road Race. He also won bronze in the road race at the 2010 World Championships in Geelong.
- Davis won the 2009 Santos Tour Down Under, has had six stage wins and has twice finished second overall at the event (2005 and 2008).
- Davis started professional cycling at the age of 10 and turned professional in 2002. He competed in the 2004 and 2005 Tour de France, coming fifth in the points classification for the green jersey sprint classification in 2005.

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- Allan Davis and Andriy Grivko both rode for Astana in the 2010 Santos Tour Down Under.
- Simon Clarke competed at the 2010 Santos Tour Down Under riding for the UniSA-Australia team and will make his ProTeam debut in 2011 with Astana.
- Simon Clarke has a successful history with the Santos Tour Down Under coming sixth overall in 2006, then going on to be part of the SA Brilliant Blend Winning Team in 2007 and taking victory in the Cycle Instead Young Rider classification in the same year.
- In 2008 Simon Clarke was the U23 Road Race Australian Champion.
- Maxim Gourov is the 2010 Kazakhstan National Road Champion.
- Andriy Grivko finished 13th overall in the 2010 Santos Tour Down Under.
- Valentin Iglinskiy joined Astana in 2010 and came second on stage 5 at the Etoile deBessèges.
- Tanel Kangert joins Astana for the first time at the beginning of the 2011 season.
- Yevgeniy Nepomnyachshiy made his professional cycling debut during the 2010 season with Astana.

THE TEAM: DID YOU KNOW?

- At the end of the 2010 cycling season, Astana was the third highest ranked cycling team in the world.
- Astana attained UCI ProTeam status in its inaugural year, 2007.
- Since the team's inception in 2007 it has been based in Switzerland (2007), Luxembourg (2008) and Kazakhstan (2009 – present).