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## Interview with Victory Brewing Kimberly Geist

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Kimberly the Espoir Wunderkind of the Victory Brewing Women's Cycling Team is one of the young guns of the women's peloton. In her second year as a pro rider after a stellar Junior Worlds performances, Kim talks about her experience and lesson learned in her debutante year as a pro and her goals for 2006

## Interview with Victory Brewing Espoir Kim Geist

Catching up with Kim Geist espoir wunderkind of Victory Brewing. At 19 years old she is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year pro that has medaled at Junior Worlds in 2004 and 2005 on the track.



Kim at 19 you are going into your 2nd year as a professional. How does this impact your everyday life, college etc?

**Racing with Victory Brewing definitely keeps me busy as I couple daily training and frequent racing trips with attending**

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school full-time, working, and carrying out other normal activities. I must say the major impact being a professional has had on my life thus far has been teaching me extremely excellent time management skills. It is definitely an acquired skill to be able to fit the quantity of time spent on school, riding, work, and other obligations into the short twenty-four hours in a day.



What are you studying in University?

**I am studying sport and exercise science at DeSales University in Center Valley, PA. Classes are going very well and I am enjoying the freedom of the University experience!**



In 2005 you made the Worlds Team for the US, and got a bronze medal in the Pursuit at the Track World Championships in Austria. How does it feel to represent your country, and to be able to perform at that level?  
**Racing at worlds was an amazingly positive experience for me. I worked hard to perform well on the international level, and I am happy the work paid off. I was proud to represent the US and hopefully my performance will foreshadow a strong future for a new generation of American riders competing among the world's best.**



Tell us what it is like to be surrounded by these top cyclists as your teammates?

**Being among a group of women who have "been there, done that" gives me a unique opportunity to learn a lot in a short period of time. Just this past season I felt that I learned a great deal about racing tactics, teamwork, and the general way the members of a professional team carry themselves. My teammates have shown me how to think of myself as a professional, and to also be confident in my growing abilities.**

In 2005 you raced in the Wachovia Liberty Classic for the first time, and was the youngest rider in the event. What is that experience like?  
**The Liberty Classic was the most difficult race I have done. But, at the same time, it was one of the most exciting races I have ever done. I watched the race for several years prior among thousands of spectators in an absolutely bustling atmosphere, standing in awe of the 200 female racers. To be on the other side of the barriers, racing the race, was really one dream come true. I had to leave everything I had on the road that day to finish well, but it was made all the more worth it because I riding along in the presence of some of my heroes, and had the constant crowd support, as well.**

You always seem very focused and driven. What can we expect from Kim going into 2006?

**You can expect more of the same. I'm going to set more lofty goals and reach them. Over the course of the year I will continue to learn as much as possible from my teammates and help them to victories. I will also pursue some personal victories in the espoir category and on the track.**

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