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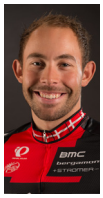
# BMC Racing Team Race Sheet - Tour of Qatar 2014

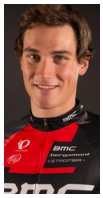
**Marcus Burghardt (GER)**
Date of birth:June 30, 1983 — Turned pro: 2005
Height: 190 (cm) / 6-2 (ft-inch) — Residence: Tägerwilen, SUI
Weight: 78 (kg) / 171 (lbs)

Fifth participation (9th in 2011, 5th in 2010, 59th in 2009, 29th in 2007) … First competition of 2014 … 2013: Trusted domestique and classics specialist who finished his sixth Tour de France (in six starts) … Won king of the mountains classification at Tour de Romandie ... Helped win team classification at Tour of Beijing and Tour of Alberta ... 2008 Tour de France stage winner and soloed to win 2007 Gent-Wevelgem.



**Sebastian Lander (DEN)**
Date of birth: March 11, 1991 — Turned pro: 2010
Height: 175 (cm) / 5-9 (ft-inch) — Residence: Lucca, ITA
Weight: 70.5 (kg) / 155 (lbs)

First participation … Last race: Dubai Tour (currently in progress) … Part of squad at Dubai Tour working to help race leader Taylor Phinney … 2013: Helped Thor Hushovd win two stages and overall at Arctic Race of Norway .... Started first career grand tour, Vuelta a España ... 2012: Captured three Danish national titles: Elite road, Under 23 road and the team time trial … Junior world track champion in the points race (2009).



**Silvan Dillier (SUI)**
Date of birth: August 3, 1990 — Turned pro: 2014
Height: 183 (cm) / 6-0 (ft-inch) — Residence: Ehrendingen, SUI
Weight: 75 (kg) / 165 (lbs)

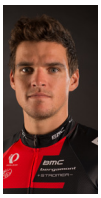
First participation … First competition of 2014 … Reigning Swiss national elite road and time trial champion … 2013: Victories included Stage 2 at Tour of Alberta, Flèche Ardennaise and the overall at the Tour de Normandie … Stagiaire called up from the BMC Development Team … Helped Thor Hushovd win Arctic Race of Norway … Swiss Under 23 trial time champion (2010-2012).

**Michael Schär (SUI)**
Date of birth: September 29, 1986 — Turned pro: 2006
Height: 198 (cm) / 6-5 (ft-inch) — Res.: Boulder, Sursee, SUI
Weight: 77 (kg) / 170 (lbs)

Sixth participation (7th in 2013, 50th in 2012, 64th in 2011, 78th in 2010, 15th in 2007) … First competition of 2014 … Reigning Swiss national road champion … 2013: Helped Tejay van Garderen win USA Pro Challenge and Amgen Tour of California and team classification at both races … Seventh overall at Tour of Qatar ... 2012: Represented Switzerland in Olympic Games road race … Helped Cadel Evans win 2011 Tour de France.

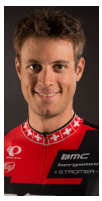
**Philippe Gilbert (BEL)**
Date of birth: July 5, 1982 — Turned pro: 2003
Height: 179 (cm) / 5-10 (ft-inch) — Residence: Monaco
Weight: 67 (kg) / 150 (lbs)

Third participation (22nd in 2012, 7th in 2010) … First competition of 2014 … 2013: Won Stage 12 of the Vuelta a España in uphill sprint against Edvald Boasson Hagen for only victory as reigning world road champion ... Had five runner-up road race finishes … Withdrew from only four of 99 races … Only second rider to win all three Ardennes classics in one year (2011) … Belgian national road and time trial champion (2011) … Stage winner at all three Grand Tours.



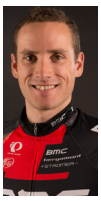
**Greg Van Avermaet (BEL)**
Date of birth: May 17, 1985 — Turned pro: 2007
Height: 181 (cm) / 5-11 (ft-inch) — Residence: Stoumont, BEL
Weight: 74 (kg) / 163 (lbs)

Sixth participation (6th in 2013, 60th in 2011, 72nd in 2010, 3rd in 2008, 47th and Stage 5 win in 2007) … First competition of 2014 … 2013: Scored four victories – two stages and overall at Tour de Wallonie and Stage 1 of Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah – among team-best 17 top-five results ... Fourth at Paris-Roubaix … Registered five runner-up finishes … Helped win team time trial and team classification at Tour of Qatar ... 2012:
Represented Belgium in Olympic road race.



**Martin Kohler (SUI)**
Date of birth: July 17, 1985 — Turned pro: 2008
Height: 177 (cm) / 5-10 (ft-inch) — Residence: Vilters, SUI
Weight: 69 (kg) / 152 (lbs)

Fifth participation (49th in 2012, 33rd in 2010, 35th in 2009, 47th in 2008) … First competition of 2014 … 2013: Scored career-best finish in a grand tour with fourth on Stage 18 at Vuelta a España ... Member of team classification win at Tour of Beijing ... Helped Thor Hushovd win two stages and overall at Arctic Tour of Norway ... Bronze medalist at Swiss road championships ... 2012 Swiss national road champion … 2011 Swiss national time trial champion.



**Danilo Wyss (SUI)**
Date of birth: August 26, 1985 — Turned pro: 2008
Height: 176 (cm) / 5-9 (ft-inch) — Residence: Estavayer, SUI
Weight: 65 (kg) / 143 (lbs)

Fourth participation (51st in 2012, 74th in 2011, 76th in 2008) … First competition of 2014 … 2013: Scored career-best finish at a stage race with 10th overall at Ster ZLM Toer ... Helped Cadel Evans finish third overall while finishing fourth straight Giro d'Italia (84th) ... Registered four top 10 results at Volta a Catalunya ... 2012: Helped Cadel Evans win Critérium International ... Member of the BMC Racing Team since his inaugural pro season in 2008.

**About the BMC Racing Team**
The BMC Racing Team is a United States-registered UCI ProTeam title sponsored by BMC Switzerland. Consistently ranked among the top 10 teams in the world, its 2014 roster includes three current national champions: Thor Hushovd (Norwegian road), Michael Schär (Swiss road) and Peter Velits (Slovakian time trial). Hushovd (2010) joins Cadel Evans (2009) and Philippe Gilbert (2012) as past world road champions. Past Olympic road race champion (2008) Samuel Sánchez also counts among the 28 riders from 12 different nations. In 2013, the BMC Racing Team won 30 races – bettering the previous team record of 21 in 2012 – to go with seven team classification titles. In 2011, the BMC Racing Team won 12 races as a WorldTour squad, including a victory by Evans in the Tour de France. As a pro continental team in 2010, the team achieved a number of successes, including leading both the Tour de France and the Giro d'Italia in its first participation in both races. The BMC Racing Team was founded in 2006 and is headquartered in Santa Rosa, Calif.

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