

Having now completed 5 UCI Europe Tour events, Team Skyline is officially halfway through our 2023 European campaign! In case you haven't been following along on social media, we wanted to sum up how our athletes have done thus far.

Race #1: Circuito Del Porto UCI 1.2

Location: Cremona, Italy

Distance: 179.9km

Best Place Skyline Rider: David Dubé, 42nd

Race Synopsis: A 180 km day around a technical 12km city circuit. The race historically finishes in a bunch sprint finish, however, without a sprinter on the roster that day, it was our best move to get ahead of the race by placing a rider in the breakaway in hopes that it could make it all the way to the line. With the help of teammate Cian Keogh, David was able to make the move where he, along with his breakaway-mates, were able to stay away for over 100 km ahead of the chasing peloton.



David in the Breakaway at Circuito Del Porto

Race #2: Sundvolden GP UCI 1.2

Location: Sundvolden, Norway

Distance: 169 km

Best Place Skyline Rider: David Dubé, 18th

Race Synopsis: A fantastic result for the team! Our best ever placing in a UCI race in Europe. Aided by teammate Julien Gagné, David Dubé showed he can climb with some of Europe's finest, tackling all 2900m of climbing on course and only losing about a minute to the winner of the race of the brutal summit finish. Congrats Dave!

Race #3: Ringerike G.P 1.2

Location: Honnefoss, Norway

Distance: 174 km

Best Place Skyline Rider: David Dubé, 47th

Race Synopsis: The course today was one of the most challenging the team has faced.

Especially the final circuits which had pinches of road over 25% in gradient! Dave and Julien again rode strong, just missing the winning selection, and finishing up with the reduced chasing pack.



Team Skyline at Team Presentation

Race #4: Grand Prix Herning UCI 1.2

Distance: 180 km

Best Place Skyline Rider: No finishers

Race Synopsis: Grand Prix Herning is known as “Denmark’s Paris Roubaix” and it lived up to its reputation. It was rough...very dry conditions made for a lung buster dusty race. 168 riders lined up, but only 39 riders would finish.

The boys suffered, but Nick Kleban was going good until about 90k in and was driven off into weeds. That, followed by a mechanical pretty much cost him any chance to catch back on before gravel sector 10, so after that we called it a day and shifted focus on the next day. It’s not always pretty in bike racing.



Cian Keogh getting interviewed during team presentation at GP Herning

Race #5: Fyen Rundt UCI 1.2

Distance: 190km

Best Place Skyline Rider: Nick Kleban, 40th

Race Synopsis: The Fyen Rundt (or Tour of Funen) is one of the oldest bike races in the world, having first run in 1894. Our team came together and bounced back great after a tough day before in the “grevil”. The team’s strategy was to help Nick enter the challenging finishing circuits with the front group and they did just that. From there, Nick got around the final tough climbs and was able to finish within the winning group in 40th position.



Nick in the pack on the way to the finishing circuits of the race

What's Next?

The team has 4 more races on tap in Europe. Cian Keogh begins the Ras Tailteann (the Tour of Ireland) this week, racing for his provincial team. The rest of the riders are in Italy now preparing for more UCI racing at the G.P Santa Rita and T.R Citta Castelfidardo on May 27th/ 28th respectively and Trofeo Alcide de Gasperi on June 2nd.