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Peta McSharry joins TWT in bid for 2011 Master's WCH

Peta McSharry, the remedial massage therapist responsible for the care of Team Wiggle Tandem will become the latest athlete to don the colours of the team, as she prepares for an assault on the World Master's Road Race title in 2011.

McSharry, who gained colours for her native South Africa as a triathlete and later turned her hand successfully to ocean yacht racing prior to becoming a highly successful massage therapist, has set her sights on training and racing throughout 2010 and the first half of 2011, before heading to the WCH for a serious assault on a podium place.

"It's not often that a Masters Athlete gets the opportunity that both Project 7 Racing and my sponsors Wiggle have given me," commented the woman known for her dedication to training, "they have been truly wonderful and shown a great deal of faith in my ability on and off the bike."

Peta, along with coach Colin Batchelor, has already been a huge success within the team, helping to mend the torn Achilles tendon of stoker David Harmon and effectively eliminating the recurring knee soreness of pilot Jez Hastings through her work.

"Peta has been a huge asset to Team Wiggle Tandem already," says Harmon "without her treatment I doubt we would be in a position to challenge the Side-to-Side record this coming month and believe me having seen her abilities on a bike I know that she will be a huge success."

Having formerly ridden with the London Dynamo where she showed her talent as a novice racer by gaining successive top 3 placings in the club championships, Peta went on to ride for Hot Chillee as both a ride leader on the prestigious London-Paris Cycle Tour and in the 'Bike Radar Live' Devil Race where her speed and strength helped the team to both 1st and 2nd places. She topped off her 2009 season with top 15 placings in stages of the Ras na mBan, the women's Tour of Ireland.

In 2009 she was one of a number of riders picked by television giant Sky to represent them in l'Etape de Tour, alongside former Hour Record Holder and Olympian Chris Boardman and was the subject of a BBC documentary about climbing the fearsome Mont Ventoux 3 times in a day.

Supremely dedicated and a strong climber she has undertaken selection tests to represent Ireland at international level this year and continues to impress as she builds towards her goal of a WCH medal.

"I guess I started to believe I could do this when I went riding with Sean Kelly and Malcolm Elliott last year. I kept hanging in there on the long climbs and in the end there were only a handful of riders left, all of them men. The truth is I just couldn't be seen to be dropped!" added a delighted McSharry.

Peta will ride Focus Bicycles in 2010 with full kit support from DHB, Wiggle, Project 7 Racing and Bioracer .

Her first outing for TWT will be at the Verenti Dragon Ride on June 6th where she will back up regular tandem riders Harmon and Hastings.

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