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# The Broken Sprocket

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## THE FINAL FINISH

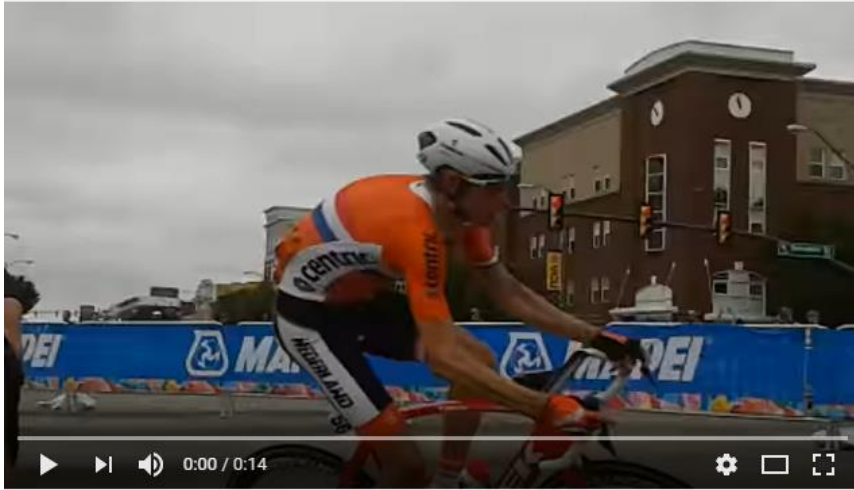
[OCTOBER 4, 2015](#)

I'm not sure I can put into words how much I enjoyed Sunday's last race. The Men's Elite Road Circuit was a glorious course that challenged the riders' endurance and highlighted the beauty of Richmond.

The weather was as unpredictable as who would ultimately win the Rainbow Jersey as I headed downtown to view the race. And the crowds were phenomenal, the most I had seen all week, despite the looming threat of more rain.

I got there as soon as I could, slightly panicked as I watched the leaders of the peloton speed by on lap two of the course. I thought I'd missed it, forgetting for a moment that this was going to go for a while.

And they were speeding all the while. Check out this footage of the cyclists as they smash a turn from Belvidere onto Broad St.



Racing Past, Flying Fast

<https://youtu.be/eHHyagAxkfw>

As I walked further down, fully intending on getting to the finish line, I filmed another cool shot of the riders as they pressed on.



Riding Past the November Theatre

<https://youtu.be/6xm8IQW-9b8>

I didn't make it up to the finish line, simply because there was more action to see staying by the team stalls, where the riders would offload items or pick up meals as they rode the long ride.

Not to mention, I could not only see them fly past, but watch the rest of the course as well.

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This race had everything! One could never be sure who would ultimately take the lead and win, and both American riders Ben King and Taylor Phinney each took turns leading the pack for the majority of the race. The energy of the peloton would turn on a dime as teams tried vying for position. There was even a crash! It happened right in front of me, but of course my phone died moments before, so I couldn't capture that. More than that though, I didn't get to capture the anxious faces of each teams' "pit crew" as the race was coming to a close and Slovakia's Sagan pulled ahead to win another tourney.

They lined the middle of the street, all facing the same big screen that I watched for the majority of the race. Fists pressed into chins. Some had their arms crossed. All eyes were glued to the enhanced image of Sagan as he breezed by his other cyclists, and powered toward the finish before sitting up on his bike to take his applause and win.

It was a great day that capped off a great week in cycling. I'm going to miss the UCI World Road Cycling Championship races. It was a great experience.

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## THE DREAMING RACERS

[VIDEO SEPTEMBER 26, 2015](#)

This is just another experimental video I made from footage I captured from the UCI cycling races.



[Dreaming Racers](#)

<https://youtu.be/rPWYbbIgxvY>

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[CONQUER THE COBBLES RIDE](#)

## SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

It's Day 7 of the races, and the rain threatened, and threatened, and *finally* made good on it's promise by dropping some showers on the heads of the competitors during the day. As the Women's Junior Road Circuit and Men's Under 23 Road Circuit came to a close, the skies darkened even more, threatening to put a damper on the last event of the day, the Conquer the Cobbles Ride.

As I drove towards 25th St. attempting to find parking, I wondered whether or not the oncoming storm would discourage the crowds and the riders. The congested traffic suggested otherwise. Riders from around town, around the country, and around the world were not going to let a few sprinkles get in the way of having a good time.

I watched and cheered as cyclists, young and old, professional and hobbyist, battled the rain, the fatigue, and their own endurance to tackle the cobble hill.



Cobbles Conquered!

<https://youtu.be/Yn0GO0vrFdk>

The rain kept pouring, and the riders kept riding, with the crowds steadily cheering them on despite the storm. All in all, it was a great evening.



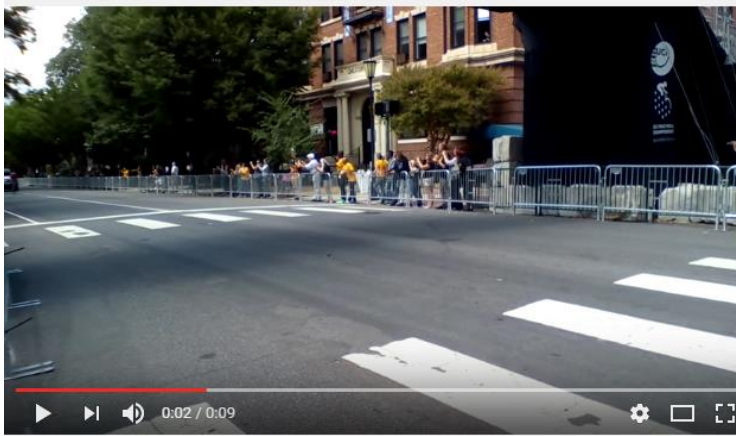
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## ELITE MEN'S INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIALS

[SEPTEMBER 24, 2015](#)



USA Cyclist for Individual Men Time Trial

Yesterday marked the first day of autumn, and Day 5 of the UCI World's Championships. The riders were fast and furiously pedaling down Franklin St. as VCU students and local residents lined the gated path to watch. They were so fast, in fact, that I was not able to photograph the first two competitors as they whizzed by. Even when I did get some decent photos, I could not quite get the timing right, because they were just so quick!

In the end, I did manage to get some decent shots and a video or two, including Taylor Phinney, The USA Men's Elite cyclist.

[https://youtu.be/qwt3Q\\_JtsMc](https://youtu.be/qwt3Q_JtsMc)

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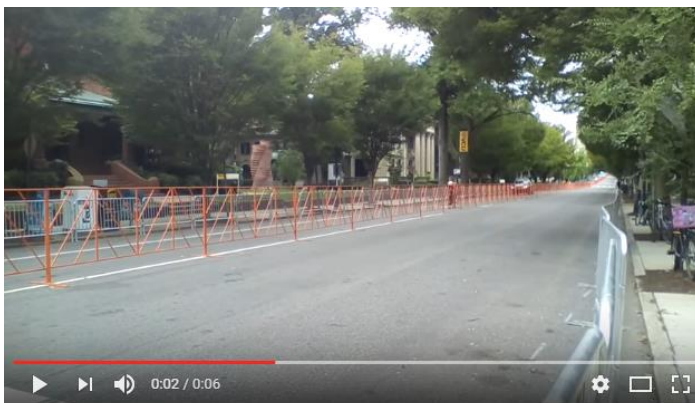
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## DAY 4- MEN'S JUNIOR TIME TRIAL

SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

The morning is cool and calm. Certainly cooler than expected, but hopefully that goes in the cyclists' favor.

The Men's Junior Time Trial began at 9:30 am, on a day that feels somber compared to the excitement of the previous weekend. Perhaps it is fitting, this mood, as the young men pedal against the clock, the other riders, and themselves.



Solitude

<https://youtu.be/3EUn4HJI9rQ>

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# THE WOMEN'S TEAM TIME TRIAL

[SEPTEMBER 22, 2015](#)

I neglected to post a few things from day 2 of the championship races. As I arrived at the finish line for the Women's Team Time Trial, the pre-race calm ebbed throughout the city. The sun was bright and jazzy music filled the air as the announcer welcomed all to the event. It was still rather early, so not too many milled about, but it was a good day nonetheless.



Prerace calm

<https://youtu.be/P46Fw-fwLBc>

But it was nothing compared to the exciting buildup as the race concluded and the cyclists reached the finish line!



The Race Ends (Stabilized)

<https://youtu.be/8iDpxrF8kMs>

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TRAINING

# FOOTAGE FROM TIME TRIAL TRAINING

IMAGE SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

I made a tiny (really tiny) video from the training footage I captured on Saturday!



Time Trial Training

<https://youtu.be/wPF629Jksjs>

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# SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2015- TEAM & INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIAL TRAINING

SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

Yesterday marked the start of the official UCI World Road Championships, and I quickly learned that, while I was ready for the competition to begin, I was not quite prepared for the immediate impact it would have on the city. I arrived a bit later than anticipated, and I certainly did not make it to the “finish line” of the course, but I was able to capture a few moments of the racers as they prepared their minds and bodies for the upcoming cycling competition.

Watching these athletes as they studied and memorized turn after turn, often coming back to the same corners to make sure they got the angle just right, I was in awe and a little excited that these men and women from around the world would be leaving their little tire marks on the city of Richmond.

I was able to capture a few moments of the cyclists as they maneuvered around the tight turns of Monroe Park.



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# HELLO WORLD!

SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

Welcome to The Broken Sprocket.

This is going to be a blog about covering an event that hasn't been in the United states in 26 years. Moreover, it will be the first time that Virginia has hosted such an amazing event. I'll be covering the UCI Road World Cycling Championships held in Richmond, VA. It's going to be lovely, and we will do Richmond proud and show the world that they should visit the US more often.

