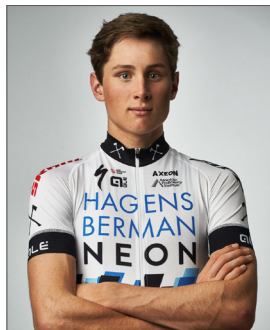


# RACE INFORMATION SHEET

## San Dimas Stage Race

March 24-26, 2017  
San Dimas, California



### EDWARD ANDERSON

Hometown: Richmond, Virginia  
Date of birth: April 18, 1998 (18)

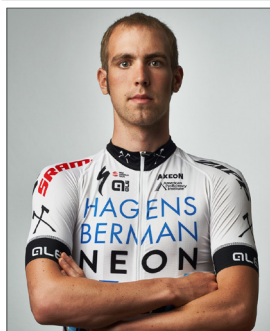
First race of 2017 with Axeon Hagens Berman ... Began road cycling after succeeding in mountain biking ... Founded his high school team's mountain bike team ... Scored a 1,460 out of a possible 1,600 on the SAT ... Achieved rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 444 in Richmond ... First season with the team.



### CHRISTOPHER BLEVINS

Hometown: Durango, Colorado  
Date of birth: March 14, 1998 (19)

Last race: Specialized Cactus Cup MTB (1st overall) ... Reigning U.S. junior national mountain biking champion ... Won two of three stages (Short Track, Super D) of the Specialized Cactus Cup on the way to beating Todd Wells for the title on March 12 ... Won Course de la Paix Juniors ("The Peace Race") last year ... First season with the team.



### JONNY BROWN

Hometown: Austin, Texas  
Date of birth: April 20, 1997 (19)

Last race: Tour of Corsicana (6th overall) ... Best 2017 result: Sealy (Texas) Road Race (3rd) ... Victories in 2016 (1): Hotter'N Hell Hundred ... Helped Neilson Powless win Joe Martin Stage Race ... Helped win team classification at Redlands Bicycle Classic ... 2014 USA Cycling junior national road champion ... Second season with the team.



### GEOFFREY CURRAN

Hometown: Tustin, California  
Date of birth: October 20, 1995 (21)

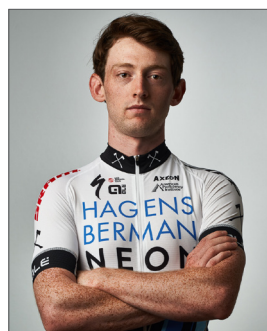
First race of 2017 with Axeon Hagens Berman ... Reigning Under 23 U.S. national time trial and road race champion ... Victories in 2016 (4): Redlands Classic, Stage 3 (ITT), USA Cycling U23 time trial, USA Cycling U23 road race, Olympia's Tour, Stage 1 (TTT) ... Finished top 10 in five individual time trials, including seventh at the world championships ... Fourth season with the team.



### RUI OLIVEIRA

Hometown: Porto, Portugal  
Date of birth: September 5, 1996 (20)

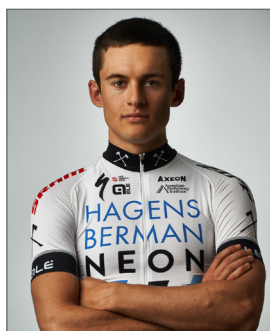
Last race: Classica Aldeias do Xisto (81st) ... Silver (scratch race) and bronze (omnium) medalist at the Portuguese national track championships in January ... Twin brother, Ivo, is also competing with Axeon Hagens Berman ... Missed half of 2016 season with a fractured femur ... Finished eighth in the scratch race at the world track championships ... First season with the team.



### MICHAEL RICE

Hometown: Canberra, Australia  
Date of birth: January 25, 1996 (21)

Last race: Oceania Continental road race championships (40th) ... Won a stage of the Tour de Beauce last year to earn a spot on the Axeon Hagens Berman roster ... Placed fourth on Stages 2 and 3 at the Joe Martin Stage Race ... Latest in a long line of Australians in Axel Merckx's program ... Living in Boulder, Colorado ... First season with the team.



### CHAD YOUNG

Hometown: Newmarket, New Hampshire  
Date of birth: June 8, 1995 (21)

Last race: Classica da Arrabida (59th) ... Victories in 2016 (1): Peak to Peak Training Systems Criterium ... Seventh in the Under 23 USA Cycling national road race and the USA Cycling hill climb national championships ... Helped win the team classification at the Redlands Bicycle Classic ... Engineering graduate of the Colorado School of Mines ... Third season with the team.

## Axeon Hagens Berman Team Facts

- Riders from Axeon Hagens Berman won a team-record 36 races last year, including 17 on the UCI level.
- Neilson Powless finished third overall at the San Dimas Stage Race last year. (He is competing in Europe this weekend with the USA Cycling Under 23 squad.)
- Four current national champions are on this year's roster:
  - Geoffrey Curran, U.S. national Under 23 national road and time trial champion.
  - Eddie Dunbar, Irish Under 23 national time trial champion.
  - Jhonatan Narvaez, Ecuadorian Under 23 national time trial champion.
  - Chris Lawless, British national criterium champion.
- Three riders (Greg Daniel, Tao Geoghegan Hart and Ruben Guerreiro) became the 19th, 20th and 21st riders last year to advance onto the WorldTour in the eighth year of the program.

### ABOUT AXEON HAGENS BERMAN

The Axeon Hagens Berman Cycling Team represents the next generation of professional cyclists. Founded in 2009 by former professional cyclist and Olympic bronze medalist Axel Merckx, we are cycling's premier development program. Through our first eight seasons, we have advanced 21 riders to the WorldTour ranks. Axeon Hagens Berman team and staff work diligently to ensure our program remains the best. Through careful rider selection, instruction and guidance, we annually achieve winning results for a vibrant and original brand that represents the future of the sport. We give future stars their shot to ride against WorldTour teams and prove themselves. #PROVEIT

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