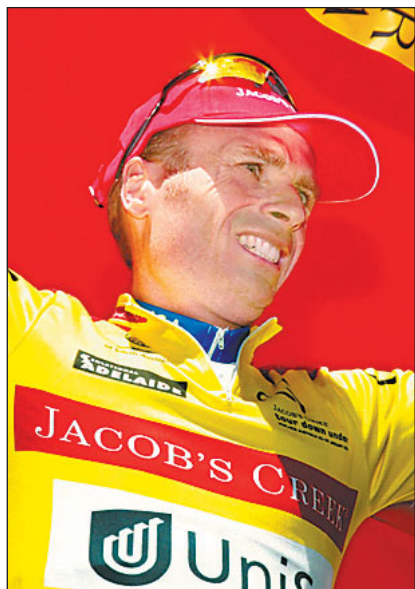


Soft spot for locals

Volunteers are ready to give first aid



Team UniSA-Australia Supporters Club captain Patrick Jonker.

RIDERS for Team UniSA-Australia can expect to see a real fan base emerge in this year's Jacob's Creek Tour Down Under.

Over the past six years, local crowds have developed a soft spot for the team, especially as it has showcased the best riding talent South Australia has to offer.

But with the team's transformation into an all-Australia affair the number of supporters registering on the Team UniSA Supporters Club website has increased significantly.

Almost 1000 fans have registered and visits to the site are well up on last year.

The Team UniSA-Australia Supporters Club gives members the chance to win merchandise and provides full rider profiles, tourist information about each race stage and daily updates on how the team is performing.

Retired rider and winner of the 2004 Tour Down Under Patrick Jonker is the club captain and the site features com-

mentary by him, the team members and the team manager at every stage of the tour.

"There has always been something special about the atmosphere of the Tour Down Under and the UniSA sponsorship has captured a sense of local pride which has been important in building the local fan base for cycling," Mr Jonker says.

"This year, with the change in classification, the Team UniSA profile has changed slightly but really we are seeing people get behind the team with even more enthusiasm.

"The riders are keen to make their mark so they should perform well with all that good will behind them."

This year, registered Team UniSA-Australia supporters will also have tour updates posted to their own email addresses with daily race reports available.

■ Inquiries: Register online at www.unisa.edu.au/tdu/

AS the Jacob's Creek Tour Down Under is about to embark on its six-day international road cycling race, St John Ambulance volunteers are gearing up for a busy week of providing valuable first aid cover at all six stages of the event.

With an anticipated crowd of more than half-a-million spectators, 100 of the world's top cyclists and expected temperatures of high 20s to mid-30s, first aid services provided by St John volunteers will ensure everyone is well looked after over the six-day event.

"St John volunteers can be found at the distinctive first aid posts - in the form of mobile first aid units or canopies," volunteer Cliff Wright says.

"These units or canopies will be near the finishing line at each destination.

"In addition, a large number of foot patrols roaming the crowds each day of the tour will en-

sure the first aid needs of the spectators are met."

A minimum of 15 St John volunteers will be on duty each day of the tour down under.

As well, a further five members will provide prompt first aid support to Sports Medicine Australia, treating the competitors at the team medical centres.

The St John volunteers on duty will be equipped with comprehensive first aid kits and have access to advanced resuscitation equipment should the need arise.

Hamilton Sunscreen has again donated its 30+ products.

For a small donation to St John Ambulance, spectators can "slip, slap, slop" at any first aid post.

"Please remember that the people you see in the distinct black and white uniforms of St John are volunteers. They give up their own time to help others," Mr Wright says.

"So be a sport and help St John Ambulance help the community by giving a donation."

St John Volunteers on Tour once again!

While you're having fun at this year's Tour Down Under, the highly trained St John Volunteers will be there providing vital First Aid Services.

So keep your eye out for the Black and White Uniforms and take note of where the St John First Aid Posts will be, just in case you need them.

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St John Ambulance SA would like to remind those who are intending to attend any stage of the race this week to take the following precautions to ensure an enjoyable time:

■ Remember to take along any personal medication, such as asthma puffers and blood pressure medication.

■ Wear appropriate clothing and footwear and don't forget to wear a broad-rimmed hat.

■ Apply and re-apply sunscreen throughout the day.

St John Volunteers have been involved with the Jacob's Creek Tour Down Under since its inception in 1999.

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Look out for our team's new green and gold jerseys at the Jacob's Creek Tour Down Under.

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