

## DISCOVERY CHANNEL

### USA

**Main sponsor:** Television channel

**Address:** 98 San Jacinto, Suite 430, TX 78701 Austin, USA

**Website:** team.discovery.com and www.thepaceline.com

**ProTour ranking (end 2006):** Fourth

**2007 budget:** €9 million

**Date of team's foundation:** 1995 (previously US Postal)

**Tour record:** 11th appearance, 26 stage victories, seven overall victories (Lance Armstrong 1999–2005), one best young rider victory (Yaroslav Popovych 2005)

**Past stars:** Tyler Hamilton, Roberto Heras, Jean-Cyril Robin, Jonathan Vaughters, Cédric Vasseur, Victor Hugo Peña, Floyd Landis, Lance Armstrong, Viatcheslav Ekimov, Paolo Savoldelli

**Team manager:** Johan Bruyneel

### BERNARD HINAULT'S ANALYSIS

"The Discovery Channel Team didn't even need Ivan Basso. For me, the Basso saga should have been very simple: either he provided a DNA sample and proved his innocence, or he left the sport. Without Basso, Yaroslav Popovych, Chechu Rubiera, Levi Leipheimer and now Alberto Contador, who has made a huge impression on me this year, have enough resources to be able to counter the Astana team."



ALBERTO CONTADOR

### EQUIPMENT

**Frame:** Trek

**Groupset:** Shimano

**Wheels:** Bontrager

**Clothing:** Nike



NAME	NAT	YEAR OF BIRTH	VICTORIES	TOUR APPEARANCES
LEIPHEIMER Levi	USA	1973	26	5
BEPPU Fumiyuki	JAP	1983	2	0
BILEKA Volodymyr	UKR	1979	1	0
BRAJKOVIC Janez	SLN	1983	2	0
CONTADOR Alberto	SPA	1982	14	1
CRUZ Antonio	USA	1971	2	0
CUMMINGS Steven	GBR	1981	0	0
DANIELSON Tom	USA	1978	6	0
DAVIS Allan	AUS	1980	14	2
DEVOLDER Stijn	BEL	1979	4	0
GUSEV Vladimir	RUS	1982	3	0
HINCAPIE George	USA	1973	22	11
LI Fuyu	CHN	1978	2	0
LOWE Trent	AUS	1984	1	0
MARTINEZ Egoi	SPA	1978	2	3
McCARTNEY Jason	USA	1973	1	0
MEERSMAN Gianni	BEL	1985	1	0
MURN Uros	SLN	1975	11	0
NOVAL Benjamin	SPA	1979	0	3
PADRNOS Pavel	CZR	1970	4	8
PAULINHO Sergio	POR	1980	4	0
POPOVYCH Yaroslav	UKR	1980	7	2
RUBIERA José Luis	SPA	1973	6	6
VAITKUS Tomas	LIT	1982	7	0
VANDBORG Brian	DEN	1981	2	0
VAN GOOLEN Jurgen	BEL	1980	0	0
WHITE Matthew	AUS	1974	4	1

The nine riders for the Tour are selected just before the start.  
Statistics compiled April 1, 2007.

Leader Climber Sprinter Puncheur Rouleur/Time trialist  
 New signing

