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# CYCLING STATISTICS 2008





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CQ is short for Cycling Quotient. The CQ-ranking is a world ranking of professional road cyclists, based on their performances during the last 12 months. It can be seen as the non-official successor of the UCI-ranking which disappeared when the ProTour was introduced in 2005.

The point scales used for the CQ-ranking are still based on the old UCI-ranking scales and follows the race categorisation as defined by the UCI.

In this document we look back at the 2008 season with some of our statistics, based on the results from 1 Januari until 26 October (Japan Cup).

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## 1. RIDER STATISTICS

### BEST RIDER (CQ POINTS)

A fight that lasted until the end of the Vuelta a España resulted in a high scoring top 2 in this year's CQ ranking. Alejandro Valverde Belmonte smashes the CQ top score at the end of the season with 2615 CQ! A season with wins in two Grand Tours ends for Alberto Contador Velasco with 2520 CQ and even Davide Rebellin scores more than 2000 CQ. Last year, Cadel Evans ended with 1979 CQ, he is now in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Rider	CQ	Important victories / Most important win
<b>VALVERDE BELMONTE Alejandro</b> (Esp/Caisse d'Épargne)	2615	Liège – Bastogne – Liège, Dauphiné Libéré: GC + 2 stages, National Championships Spain (Talavera de la Reina), Tour de France: 2 stages, Clásica San Sebastian, Vuelta a España: 1 stage
<b>CONTADOR VELASCO Alberto</b> (Esp/Astana)	2520	Vuelta al País Vasco: GC + 2 stages, Giro d'Italia: GC, Vuelta a España: GC + 2 stages
<b>REBELLIN Davide</b> (Ita/Gerolsteiner)	2047	Paris – Nice: GC
<b>EVANS Cadel</b> (Aus/Silence – Lotto)	1843	Paris – Nice: 1 stage
<b>CUNEGO Damiano</b> (Ita/Lampre)	1800	Vuelta al País Vasco: 1 stage, Amstel Gold Race, Giro di Lombardia
<b>CANCELLARA Fabian</b> (Sui/Team CSC – Saxo Bank)	1780	Tirreno – Adriatico: GC + 1 stage, Milano – Sanremo, Tour de Suisse: 2 stages, Olympic Games (Beijing) I.T.T.
<b>LEIPHEIMER Levi</b> (Usa/Astana)	1771	Dauphiné Libéré: 1 stage, Vuelta a España: 2 stages
<b>GILBERT Philippe</b> (Bel/Française des Jeux)	1457	Paris – Tours
<b>BALLAN Alessandro</b> (Ita/Lampre)	1381	Vuelta a España: 1 stage, World Championships (Varese)
<b>KIRCHEN Kim</b> (Lux/Team Columbia)	1376	Vuelta al País Vasco: 2 stages, Flèche Wallonne, Tour de Suisse: 1 stage
<b>BOONEN Tom</b> (Bel/Quick Step)	1328	Paris – Roubaix, Tour of Benelux: 2 stages, Vuelta a España: 2 stages
<b>SASTRE CANDIL Carlos</b> (Esp/Team CSC – Saxo Bank)	1297	Tour de France: GC + 1 stage
<b>GREIPEL André</b> (Ger/Team Columbia)	1241	Tour Down Under: GC + 4 stages, Giro d'Italia: 1 stage, Tour of Benelux: 1 stage, Deutschland-Tour: 1 stage
<b>FREIRE GOMEZ Oscar</b> (Esp/Rabobank)	1185	Tirreno – Adriatico: 3 stages, Gent – Wevelgem, Tour de Suisse: 1 stage, Tour de France: 1 stage, Vuelta a España: 1 stage
<b>GESINK Robert</b> (Ned/Rabobank)	1134	Tour of California: 1 stage
<b>VAN AVERMAET Greg</b> (Bel/Silence – Lotto)	1118	Vuelta a España: 1 stage
<b>DEVOLDER Stijn</b> (Bel/Quick Step)	1096	Ronde van Vlaanderen
<b>GASPAROTTO Enrico</b> (Ita/Barloworld)	1095	Ster Elettrotoer: GC
<b>SCHLECK Fränk</b> (Lux/Team CSC – Saxo Bank)	1087	National Championships Luxembourg (Roeser)
<b>VISCONTI Giovanni</b> (Ita/Quick Step)	1087	GP de Fourmies

## BEST SPRINTER (CQ POINTS SCORED IN SPRINT STAGES)

Rider	CQ
<b>CAVENDISH Mark</b> (Gbr/Team Columbia)	935
<b>FREIRE GOMEZ Oscar</b> (Esp/Rabobank)	766
<b>BENNATI Daniele</b> (Ita/Liquigas)	690
<b>GREIPEL André</b> (Ger/Team Columbia)	684
<b>BOONEN Tom</b> (Bel/Quick Step)	635
<b>McEWEN Robbie</b> (Aus/Silence – Lotto)	592
<b>ZABEL Erik</b> (Ger/Team Milram)	519
<b>WEYLANDT Wouter</b> (Bel/Quick Step)	502
<b>FÖRSTER Robert</b> (Ger/Gerolsteiner)	475
<b>ROJAS GIL Jose Joaquin</b> (Esp/Caisse d'Epargne)	419

## BEST CLIMBER (CQ POINTS SCORED IN MOUNTAIN STAGES)

Rider	CQ
<b>CONTADOR VELASCO Alberto</b> (Esp/Astana)	290
<b>SELLA Emanuele</b> (Ita/CSF Group)	287
<b>VALVERDE BELMONTE Alejandro</b> (Esp/Caisse d'Epargne)	278
<b>DESSEL Cyril</b> (Fra/Ag2r – La Mondiale)	210
<b>LEIPHEIMER Levi</b> (Fra/Astana)	168
<b>KIRYIENKA Vasil</b> (Blr/Tinkoff Credit Systems)	155
<b>EVANS Cadel</b> (Aus/Silence – Lotto)	148
<b>RODRIGUEZ OLIVER Joaquim</b> (Esp/Caisse d'Epargne)	147
<b>SASTRE CANDIL Carlos</b> (Esp/Team CSC – Saxo Bank)	143
<b>MONCOUTIÉ David</b> (Fra/Cofidis)	110

## BEST TIME TRIALIST (CQ POINTS SCORED IN TIME TRIALS)

Rider	CQ
<b>LEIPHEIMER Levi</b> (Usa/Astana)	479
<b>CANCELLARA Fabian</b> (Sui/Team CSC – Saxo Bank)	468
<b>GRABSCH Bert</b> (Ger/Team Columbia)	421
<b>LARSSON Gustav Erik</b> (Swe/Team CSC – Saxo Bank)	374
<b>CONTADOR VELASCO Alberto</b> (Esp/Astana)	284
<b>PINOTTI Marco</b> (Ita/Team Columbia)	281
<b>SCHUMACHER Stefan</b> (Ger/Gerolsteiner) *	279
<b>MARTIN Tony</b> (Ger/Team Columbia)	268
<b>TUFT Svein</b> (Can/Symmetrics Cycling Team)	263
<b>ZABRISKIE David</b> (Usa/Garmin - Chipotle)	260

\* Stefan SCHUMACHER won 2 time trials in the Tour de France of 2008, but tested positive in the specific Cera-tests that were carried out two months after the Tour finished. As he is not officially convicted and suspended yet, his results are still taken into account.

## BEST UNDER 23 RIDER (CQ POINTS)

Rider	CQ
<b>GESINK Robert</b> (Ned/Rabobank)	1134
<b>KREUZIGER Roman</b> (Cze/Liquigas)	846
<b>CIOLEK Gerald</b> (Ger/Team Columbia)	661
<b>BOASSON HAGEN Edvald</b> (Nor/Team Columbia)	487
<b>URAN URAN Rigoberto</b> (Col/Caisse d'Épargne)	487
<b>LHOTELLERIE Clément</b> (Fra/Skil – Shimano)	398
<b>MASCIARELLI Francesco</b> (Ita/Acqua & Sapone – Caffè Mokambo)	380
<b>CAPECCHI Eros</b> (Ita/Scott – American Beef)	349
<b>GODDAERT Kristof</b> (Bel/Topsport Vlaanderen)	331
<b>MARTIN Daniel</b> (Irl/Garmin – Chipotle)	331
<b>ROLLAND Pierre</b> (Fra/Crédit Agricole)	331

## BEST OVER 35 RIDER (CQ POINTS)

Rider	CQ
<b>REBELLIN Davide</b> (Ita/Gerolsteiner)	2047
<b>LEIPHEIMER Levi</b> (Usa/Astana)	1771
<b>ZABEL Erik</b> (Ger/Team Milram)	893
<b>GARZELLI Stefano</b> (Ita/ Acqua & Sapone – Caffè Mokambo)	877
<b>McEWEN Robbie</b> (Aus/Silence – Lotto)	877
<b>VOIGT Jens</b> (Ger/Team CSC – Saxo Bank)	797
<b>HINCAPIE George</b> (Usa/Team Columbia)	595
<b>AXELSSON Niklas</b> (Swe/Serramenti PVC Diquigiovanni - Androni Giocattoli)	484
<b>DE JONGH Steven</b> (Ned/Quick Step)	478
<b>O'GRADY Stuart</b> (Aus/Team CSC – Saxo Bank)	472

## BEST PRO CONTINENTAL RIDER (CQ POINTS)

Rider	CQ
<b>GASPAROTTO Enrico</b> (Ita/Barloworld)	1095
<b>DI LUCA Danilo</b> (Ita/LPR Brakes – Ballan)	930
<b>VANDE VELDE Christian</b> (Usa/Garmin – Chipotle)	908
<b>GARZELLI Stefano</b> (Ita/Acqua & Sapone – Caffè Mokambo)	877
<b>PFANNBERGER Christian</b> (Aut/Barloworld)	829
<b>SELLA Emanuele</b> (Ita/CSF Group – Navigare)	795
<b>MOSQUERA MIGUEZ Ezequiel</b> (Esp/Xacobeo – Galicia)	767
<b>PAOLINI Luca</b> (Ita/Acqua & Sapone – Caffè Mokambo)	753
<b>VAN DIJK Stefan</b> (Ned/Mitsubishi – Jartazi)	598
<b>KIRYIENKA Vasil</b> (Blr/Tinkoff Credit Systems)	560
<b>CESAR VELOSO Gustavo</b> (Esp/Xacobeo – Galicia)	555

## BEST CONTINENTAL RIDER (CQ POINTS)

Rider	CQ
<b>GUERRA GARCIA Hector</b> (Esp/Liberty Seguros)	587
<b>RATTI Eddy</b> (Ita/Nippo – Endeka)	458
<b>BAUMANN Eric</b> (Ger/Team Sparkasse)	434
<b>VICIOSO ARCOS Angel</b> (Esp/LA – MSS)	402
<b>GIUNTI Massimo</b> (Ita/Miche – Silver Cross)	395
<b>MANCEBO PEREZ Francisco</b> (Esp/Fercase – Rota dos Moveis)	390
<b>TUFT Svein</b> (Can/Symmetrics Cycling Team)	380
<b>TRAKSEL Bobbie</b> (Ned/P3Transfer – Batavus)	368
<b>BLANCO RORIGUEZ David</b> (Esp/Palmeiras Resort – Tavira)	363
<b>SEVILLA RIBERA Oscar</b> (Esp/Rock Racing)	352

## MOST VICTORIES

British sprint sensation Mark Cavendish is the victory king of the 2008 season! The 23 year old won 16 stages and 1 one-day-race to beat colleague sprinters Tom Boonen (15 victories) and André Greipel (13 victories).

World Cyclocross champion Lars Boom (13) took most of his victories in races of second category, but ends up as number 4 in this list.

In total, 842 riders took at least 1 victory this season.

Rider	#	Victories
<b>CAVENDISH Mark</b> (Gbr/Team Columbia)	17	Tour de France: 4 stages Giro d'Italia: 2 stages Tour de Romandie: 1 stage Scheldeprijs Vlaanderen Driedaagse De Panne – Koksijde: 2 stages Ster Elektrotoer: 1 stage Tour of Ireland: 3 stages Tour of Missouri: 3 stages
<b>BOONEN Tom</b> (Bel/Quick Step)	15	Vuelta a España: 2 stages Paris – Roubaix Eneco Tour of Benelux: 2 stages Tour of California: 1 stage Osterreich-Rundfahrt: 1 stage Tour de Wallonie: 1 stage Tour of Qatar: 4 stages Ronde van België: 1 stage Ster Elektrotoer: 1 stage Circuit Frano-Belge: 1 stage
<b>GREIPEL André</b> (Ger/Team Columbia)	14	Giro d'Italia: 1 stage Tour Down Under: GC + 4 stages Eneco Tour of Benelux: 1 stage Deutschland-Tour: 1 stage Osterreich-Rundfahrt: 1 stage Rund um die Nürnberger Altstadt Kampioenschap van Vlaanderen Münsterland Giro Sachsen-Tour: 2 stages
<b>BOOM Lars</b> (Ned/Rabobank CT)	13	National Championships Netherlands National Championships Netherlands I.T.T. Tour de Bretagne: 2 stages Olympia's Tour: GC + 2 stages Volta a Lleida: GC + 1 stage Circuito Montanes: 3 stages Vuelta a Leon: 1 stage
<b>VALVERDE BELMONTE Alejandro</b> (Esp/Caisse d'Epargne)	12	Tour de France: 2 stages Vuelta a España: 1 stage Liège – Bastogne – Liège Clasica San Sebastian Dauphiné Libéré: GC + 2 stages National Championships Spain Paris – Camembert Lepetit Vuelta a Murca: GC + 1 stage

<b>CANCELLARA Fabian</b> (Sui/Team CSC - Saxo Bank)	10	Olympic Games I.T.T. Milano – Sanremo Tirreno – Adriatico: GC + 1 stage Tour de Suisse: 2 stages Tour of California: 1 stage Tour de Luxembourg: 1 stage Monte Paschi Eroica National Championships Switzerland I.T.T.
<b>CONTADOR VELASCO Alberto</b> (Esp/Astana)	10	Giro d'Italia Vuelta a España: GC + 2 stages Vuelta al Pais Vasco: GC + 2 stages Vuelta a Castilla y Leon: GC + 2 stages
<b>CORDOVES PEREZ Gil</b> (Cub/Tecos de la Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara)	10	Clasico Ciudad de Caracas Vuelta Independencia Nacional: 4 stages Vuelta a Venezuela: 3 stages Clasico Banfoandes: 2 stages
<b>GALIMZYANOV Denis</b> (Rus/Katyusha), <b>HAEDO Juan Jose</b> (Arg/Team CSC – Saxo Bank), <b>KRITSKIY Timofey</b> (Rus/Katyusha), <b>SOHRABI Mahdi</b> (Iri/Islamic Azad Univercity), <b>STEEGMANS Gert</b> (Bel/Quick Step), <b>VERMELTFOORT Coen</b> (Ned/Rabobank CT)	8	
<b>5 riders</b>	7	
<b>15 riders</b>	6	
<b>30 riders</b>	5	
<b>36 riders</b>	4	
<b>77 riders</b>	3	
<b>164 riders</b>	2	
<b>501 riders</b>	1	



## MOST COMPETITION DAYS\*

Some riders seem to participate in every bike race on this planet. Robert Förster and Marco Velo are only two of them. The 2 riders successfully finished no less than 104 race days this year! Förster took off in the Tour Down Under and put his bike aside more than 8 months later in the Münsterland Giro. Marco Velo started in the Tour of Qatar and also finished in his home country, in the Giro del Piemonte, 8,5 months later.

Philippe Gilbert, Sven Krauss, Matej Jurco and good old Erik Zabel finished exactly 100 races this year. Remarkable is the fact that we notice 3 riders of Team Milram in the top 6 of this ranking.

\* Only finished races of 1<sup>st</sup> category or higher are taken into account.

Rider	#	Races
<b>FÖRSTER Robert</b> (Ger/Gerolsteiner)	104	Tour Down Under, Trofeo Mallorca, Trofeo Cala Millor – Cala Bona, Trofeo Pollença, Giro della Provincia di Grosseto, Volta ao Algarve, Volta ao Distrito de Santarem, Settimana Coppi e Bartali, Circuit de la Sarthe – Pays de Loire, Tour de Georgia, Giro d'Italia, Veenendaal – Veenendaal, Tour de Suisse, Tour de France, Tour of Benelux, Deutschland-Tour, Tour de Pologne, Münsterland Giro
<b>VELO Marco</b> (Ita/Team Milram)	104	Tour of Qatar, World's View Challenge 1-2-3-5, GP Costa degli Etruschi, Vuelta a Andalucia, Volta a la Comunitat Valenciana, Monte Paschi Eroica, Tirreno – Adriatico, Milano – Sanremo, Presidential Tour of Turkey, Rund um den Henninger Turm – Frankfurt, Giro d'Italia, Tour de Suisse, Tour de France, Tour of Benelux, Vattenfall Cyclassics – Hamburg, Tour de Pologne, Giro del Lazio, Paris – Tours, Giro del Piemonte
<b>GILBERT Philippe</b> (Bel/Française des Jeux)	100	
<b>JURCO Matej</b> (Svk/Team Milram)	100	
<b>KRAUSS Sven</b> (Ger/Gerolsteiner)	100	
<b>ZABEL Erik</b> (Ger/Team Milram)	100	
<b>CASAR Sandy</b> (Fra/Française des Jeux)	99	
<b>SÖRENSEN Chris Anker</b> (Den/Team CSC – Saxo Bank)	97	
<b>ELTINK Theo</b> (Ned/Rabobank)	96	
<b>USOV Alexandre</b> (Blr/Ag2r – La Mondiale)	95	
<b>VOECKLER Thomas</b> (Fra/Bouygues Telecom)	95	

## MOST KILOMETRES\*

What a way to end a career! Erik Zabel shows all youngsters how to take cycling serious by covering the most UCI kilometres this season. The German sprinter travelled 16797.6 km on his bike, 400 kilometres more than Robert Förster and Marco Velo, who had 4 race days more.

Furthermore, Erik Zabel is 1 of only 2 riders who finished all 3 Grand Tours this year. Marzio Bruseghin is the other, he ends up as number 36 in this ranking with 14073.4 kilometres covered.

\* Only finished races of 1<sup>st</sup> category or higher are taken into account.

Rider	#	Races
<b>ZABEL Erik</b> (Ger/Team Milram)	16797.6	Volta ao Algarve, Volta a la Comunitat Valenciana, Tirreno – Adriatico, Milano – Sanremo, E3 Prijs Vlaanderen, Ronde van Vlaanderen, Gent – Wevelgem, Scheldeprijs Vlaanderen, Amstel Gold Race, Giro d'Italia, Tour de Suisse, National Championships Germany (Bochum), Tour de France, Sparkassen Giro Bochum, Vuelta a España, World Championships R.R. (Varese), Münsterland Giro, Paris – Tours
<b>FÖRSTER Robert</b> (Ger/Gerolsteiner)	16398.6	
<b>VELO Marco</b> (Ita/Team Milram)	16325.4	
<b>GILBERT Philippe</b> (Bel/Française des Jeux)	16183.6	
<b>KRAUSS Sven</b> (Ger/Gerolsteiner)	16105.8	
<b>VISCONTI Giovanni</b> (Ita/Quick Step)	16046.0	
<b>VOECKLER Thomas</b> (Fra/Bouygues Telecom)	15766.4	
<b>USOV Alexandre</b> (Blr/Ag2r – La Mondiale)	15594.7	
<b>LASTRAS GARCIA Pablo</b> (Esp/Caisse d'Epargne)	15372.8	
<b>CHAVANEL Sylvain</b> (Fra/Cofidis)	15367.1	

## MOST FINISHED ONE DAY RACES\*

A ranking which is dominated by Belgian Pro Continental riders, Bert Scheirlinckx finished 26 one day races this season and tops his team mate Bert De Waele, Janek Tombak and Giovanni Visconti (each 25). The Italian is one of only 2 ProTour riders in the top 10, the other being Frédéric Guesdon. Philippe Gilbert can be found in 16<sup>th</sup> place, he finished 21 one day races this year.

In total, 3801 different riders finished at least 1 one day race of 1<sup>st</sup> category or higher in 2008.

\* Only races of 1<sup>st</sup> category or higher are taken into account.

Rider	#	One day races
<b>SCHEIRLINCKX Bert</b> (Bel/Landbouwkrediet - Tönissteiner)	26	GP Costa degli Etruschi, Trofeo Laigueglia, Kuurne – Brussel – Kuurne, Le Samyn – Fayt-le-Franc, Ronde van het Groene Hart, Gent – Wevelgem, GP Pino Cerami, Profronde van Drenthe, Amstel Gold Race, Flèche Wallonne, Liège-Bastogne-Liège, Profronde van Friesland, GP de Plumelec-Morbihan, Veenendaal – Veenendaal, Halle – Ingoogem, Polynormande, Druivenkoers – Overijse, Tour de Rijke, Paris – Bruxelles, GP de Wallonie, GP de la Somme, GP d’Isbergues – Pas de Calais, Omloop van de Vlaamse Scheldeboorden – Kruibeke, Münsterland Giro, Paris – Tours, Sluitingprijs – Putte-Kapellen
<b>DE WAELE Bert</b> (Bel/Landbouwkrediet - Tönissteiner)	25	
<b>TOMBAK Janek</b> (Est/Mitsubishi – Jartazi)	25	
<b>VISCONTI Giovanni</b> (Ita/Quick Step)	25	
<b>GUESDON Frédéric</b> (Fra/Française des Jeux)	24	
<b>VEELERS Tom</b> (Ned/Skil – Shimano)	24	
<b>VEUCHELEN Frederik</b> (Bel/Topsport Vlaanderen)	24	
<b>COENEN Johan</b> (Bel/ Topsport Vlaanderen)	23	
<b>GILING Bastiaan</b> (Ned/Cycle Collstrop)	23	
<b>PFANNBERGER Christian</b> (Aut/Barloworld)	23	
<b>RENDERS Sven</b> (Bel/ Topsport Vlaanderen)	23	

## MOST FINISHED STAGE RACES\*

No rider succeeded in finishing 13 stage races this season, although Sébastien Turgot and Alejandro Paleo Mosquera tried very hard. Together with Christophe Edaleine, Trent Lowe, Nicolas Portal and Dominik Roels they successfully finished 12 stage races. Paleo Mosquera didn't finish the fourth stage of the Vuelta al Pais Vasco, while Turgot tried to make the finish of the Circuit de la Sarthe – Pays de Loire, but had to quit in the last stage. It would have placed him on top of this list.

\* Only races of 1<sup>st</sup> category or higher are taken into account.

Rider	#	Stage races
<b>EDALEINE Christophe</b> (Fra/Ag2r – La Mondiale)	12	Etoile de Bessèges, Giro della Provincia di Grosseto, Paris – Nice, Critérium International, Circuit de la Sarthe – Pays de la Loire, Tour de Picardie, Circuit de Lorraine, Ster Elektrotoer, Tour de Wallonie, Vuelta a Burgos, Tour of Benelux, Tour du Poitou-Charentes et de la Vienne
<b>LOWE Trent</b> (Aus/Garmin – Chipotle)	12	Tour Méditerranéen, Volta a la Comunitat Valenciana, Paris – Nice, Critérium International, Tour de Georgia, Volta a Catalunya, GP CTT Correios de Portugal, Route du Sud, Tour de France, Tour du Limousin, Tour of Ireland, Tour of Britain
<b>PALEO MOSQUERA Alejandro</b> (Esp/Xacobeo – Galicia)**	12	Tour de Langkawi, Volta a la Comunitat Valenciana, Volta ao Distrito de Santarem, Presidential Tour of Turkey, Vuelta Ciclista Asturias, GP Paredes Rota dos Moveis, GP CTT Correios de Portugal, Route du Sud, Vuelta a la Comunidad de Madrid, Volta a Portugal em Bicileta, Tour of Ireland, Tour du Poitou-Charentes et de la Vienne
<b>PORTAL Nicolas</b> (Fra/Caisse d'Épargne)	12	Tour Down Under, Tour Méditerranéen, Paris – Nice, Critérium International, Circuit de la Sarthe – Pays de Loire, Giro del Trentino, 4 Jours de Dunkerque, Volta a Catalunya, Dauphiné Libéré, Tour de France, Tour of Benelux, Tour du Poitou-Charentes et de la Vienne
<b>ROELS Dominik</b> (Ger/Team Milram)	12	Driedaagse van West-Vlaanderen, Critérium International, Vuelta al Pais Vasco, 4 Jours de Dunkerque, Volta a Catalunya, Dauphiné Libéré, Ster Elektrotoer, Osterreich-Rundfahrt, Sachsen-Tour, Rothaus Regio-Tour, Deutschland-Tour, Tour de Pologne
<b>TURGOT Sébastien</b> (Fra/Bouygues Telecom)	12	La Tropicale Amissa Bongo Ondimba, Tour of California, Tour Ivoirien de la Paix, Driedaagse de Panne – Koksijde, Vuelta Ciclista a la Rioja, Tour de Picardie, Circuit de Lorraine, GP CTT Correios de Portugal, Tour de Wallonie, Paris – Corrèze, Tour of Benelux, Tour du Poitou-Charentes et de la Vienne
21 riders	11	

\*\* Alejandro Paleo Mosquera finished 12 stage races and 3 one day races. He is the only rider in this list who was not able to score at least 1 CQ point.

## MOST STAGE RACE DROP-OUTS

Nothing to be proud of if you score well in this list, but David Abal Diego is quite a phenomenon. The Spanish rider of Xacobeo – Galicia started in 10 stage races this year and finished only once! He reached the finish of the Vuelta a la Rioja, in 72<sup>nd</sup> place. Not enough to score any CQ points this season though.

Rider	#	Drop-outs
<b>ABAL DIEGO David</b> (Esp/Xacobeo – Galicia)	9	Vuelta a Andalucia (DNF stage 1), Critérium International (DNF stage 1), Presidential Tour of Turkey (DNF stage 2), Clasica a Alcobendas y Collado Villalba (DNF stage 3), GP Paredes Rota dos Moveis (DNF stage 4), GP CTT Correios de Portugal (DNF stage 3), Route du Sud (DNF stage 3), Volta a Portugal (OOT stage 3), Tour of Ireland (DNF stage 4)
<b>BALDUCCI Gabriele</b> (Ita/Acqua & Sapone – Caffè Mokambo)	8	
<b>BONGIORNO Guillermo Ruben</b> (Arg/CSF Group – Navigare)	8	
<b>BACKSTEDT Magnus</b> (Swe/Garmin – Chipotle)	7	
<b>DEHAES Kenny</b> (Bel/Topsport Vlaanderen)	7	
<b>PATOUR Kilian</b> (Fra/Garmin – Chipotle)	7	
<b>STUBBE Tom</b> (Bel/Française des Jeux)	7	
13 riders	6	

## 2. TEAM STATISTICS

### BEST TEAM (CQ POINTS)

For the fourth year in a row Bjarne Riis' CSC team tops the CQ Team Ranking at the end of the season. It was a close finish with Team Columbia, who were long in the lead throughout the season. 441 CQ difference is their tiniest margin in the 4 years Team CSC won this ranking.

Team	CQ	Best scoring riders (CQ)
<b>Team CSC – Saxo Bank (Den)</b>	13097	CANCELLARA Fabian (1780), SASTRE CANDIL Carlos (1297), SCHLECK Fränk (1087), LARSSON Gustav Erik (1013), BRESCHERL Matti (978), VOIGT Jens (797), ...
<b>Team Columbia (Usa)</b>	12656	KIRCHEN Kim (1376), GREIPEL André (1241), CAVENDISH Mark (1080), LÖVKVIST Thomas (1003), GERDEMANN Linus (750), PINOTTI Marco (724), ...
<b>Quick Step (Bel)</b>	10499	BOONEN Tom (1328), DEVOLDER Stijn (1096), VISCONTI Giovanni (1087), DAVIS Allan (916), BETTINI Paolo (875), STEEGMANS Gert (801), ...
<b>Caisse d'Epargne (Esp)</b>	10292	VALVERDE BELMONTE Alejandro (2615), ROJAS GIL Jose Joaquin (1011), RODRIGUEZ OLIVER Joaquim (993), ...
<b>Astana (Lux)</b>	10118	CONTADOR VELASCO Alberto (2520), LEIPHEIMER Levi (1771), KLÖDEN Andreas (751), IVANOV Serguei (712), ...
<b>Liquigas (Ita)</b>	9415	POZZATO Filippo (1031), BENNATI Daniele (987), PELLIZOTTI Franco (960), KREUZIGER Roman (846), ...
<b>Silence – Lotto (Bel)</b>	7979	EVANS Cadel (1843), VAN AVERMAET Greg (1118), McEWEN Robbie (877), ROELANDTS Jurgen (787), ...
<b>Gerolsteiner (Ger)</b>	7912	REBELLIN Davide (2047), WEGMANN Fabian (752), ...
<b>Rabobank (Ned)</b>	7593	FREIRE GOMEZ Oscar (1185), GESINK Robert (1134), MENCHOV Denis (899), ...
<b>Lampre (Ita)</b>	7019	CUNEGO Damiano (1800), BALLAN Alessandro (1381), ...

## MOST VICTORIES

A clear lead for Team Columbia (Team High Road, until June) with no less than 76 victories. A great performance, certainly if you compare it with the number of wins of the number 2, Team CSC – Saxo Bank (47), and number 3, Quick Step (45).

Of the 179 UCI teams registered at the beginning of the season, 36 teams were not able to win at least once in an official UCI race.

All ProTour teams took victories, with Euskaltel – Euskadi at the bottom of this ranking, with 8 wins. Of the 25 Professional Continental teams, only 1 was not victorious. The Spanish Extremadura team took only 4 podium spots this year! Their best performance was realized by Aitor Perez Arrieta who was second in the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of the Vuelta a Murcia.

Team	#	Riders (at least 4 victories)
<b>Team Columbia</b> (Usa)	76	CAVENDISH Mark (17), GREIPEL André (14), BOASSON HAGEN Edvald (7), GRABSCH Bert (5), GERDEMANN Linus (5), KIRCHEN Kim (5), MARTIN Tony (4), CIOLEK Gerald (3), PINOTTI Marco (3), EISEL Bernhard (2), HENDERSON Gregory (2), HINCAPIE George (2), RABON Frantisek (2), SIUTSOU Kanstantsin (2), BARRY Michael (1), BURGHARDT Marcus (1), HANSEN Adam (1)
<b>Team CSC – Saxo Bank</b> (Den)	47	CANCELLARA Fabian (10), HAEDO Juan Jose (8), BRESCHERL Matti (5), VOIGT Jens (4), ...
<b>Quick Step</b> (Bel)	45	BOONEN Tom (15), STEEGMANS Gert (8), DEVOLDER Stijn (6), BETTINI Paolo (5), ...
<b>Rabobank CT</b> (Ned)	38	BOOM Lars (13), VERMELTFOORT Coen (8), VAN WINDEN Dennis (4), ...
<b>Crédit Agricole</b> (Fra)	31	HUSHOVD Thor (6), ...
<b>Astana</b> (Lux)	30	CONTADOR VELASCO Alberto (10), LEIPHEIMER Levi (6), ...
<b>Liquigas</b> (Ita)	30	BENNATI Daniele (7), CHICCHI Francesco (6), BERTAGNOLLI Leonardo (4), ...
<b>Serramenti PVC Diquigiovanni – Androni Giocattoli</b> (Ven)	28	OCHOA Carlos Jose (6), SERPA PEREZ Jose Rodolfo (5), ...
<b>Caisse d'Epargne</b> (Esp)	27	VALVERDE BELMONTE Alejandro (12), ...
<b>Perutnina Ptuj</b> (Slo)	26	MAHORIC Mitja (5), GAZVODA Gregor (4), KOREN Kristjan (4), ...

### 3. COUNTRY STATISTICS

#### BEST COUNTRY (CQ POINTS)

At last! For the first time in CQ history Spain is officially the best cycling country! It was close – very close, but 449 CQ are enough to claim the first spot. Spain takes advantage of the fantastic seasons of Alejandro Valverde Belmonte and Alberto Contador Velasco, while Italy scores significantly less than last year (12195 CQ vs 13369 CQ in 2007).

Country	CQ	Best scoring riders (CQ)
<b>Spain</b>	12644	VALVERDE BELMONTE Alejandro (2615), CONTADOR VELASCO Alberto (2520), SASTRE CANDIL Carlos (1297), FREIRE GOMEZ Oscar (1185), ROJAS GIL Jose Joaquin (1011), RODRIGUEZ OLIVER Joaquin (993), SANCHEZ GONZALEZ Samuel (896), MOSQUERA MIGUEZ Ezequiel (767), ASTARLOZA CHAURREAU Mikel (706), SANCHEZ GIL Luis Leon (654)
<b>Italy</b>	12195	REBELLIN Davide (2047), CUNEGO Damiano (1800), BALLAN Alessandro (1381), GASPAROTTO Enrico (1095), VISCONTI Giovanni (1087), ...
<b>Belgium</b>	8904	GILBERT Philippe (1457), BOONEN Tom (1328), VAN AVERMAET Greg (1118), DEVOLDER Stijn (1096), ...
<b>Germany</b>	7699	GREIPEL André (1241), ZABEL Erik (893), ...
<b>Australia</b>	6605	EVANS Cadel (1843), DAVIS Allan (916), ...
<b>France</b>	5889	CHAVANEL Sylvain (773), PINEAU Jérôme (734), ...
<b>Netherlands</b>	5381	GESINK Robert (1134), VAN DIJK Stefan (598), ...
<b>United States</b>	4941	LEIPHEIMER Levi (1771), VANDE VELDE (908), ...
<b>Switzerland</b>	4905	CANCELLARA Fabian (1780), ALBASINI Michael (640), ...
<b>Russia</b>	4755	MENCHOV Denis (899), IVANOV Serguei (712), ...



## MOST VICTORIES

Italy on top, like last year and the year before and the year before, and ... 183 victories, 45 more than France and 67 more than Spain.

83 different countries won at least 1 race so far this season, with Italy being the best European, Australia the best Oceanian, Venezuela the best American, Iran the best Asian and South Africa the best African country.

Country	#	Riders (at least 6 victories)
<b>Italy</b>	183	BENNATI Daniele (7), CHICCHI Francesco (6), NAPOLITANO Danilo (6), ...
<b>France</b>	138	CHAVANEL Sylvain (7), ...
<b>Spain</b>	116	VALVERDE BELMONTE Alejandro (12), CONTADOR VELASCO Alberto (10), FREIRE GOMEZ Oscar (7),...
<b>Germany</b>	107	GREIPEL André (14), KLEMMÉ Dominic (6), MÜLLER Dirk (6), ...
<b>Belgium</b>	82	BOONEN Tom (15), STEEGMANS Gert (8), DEVOLDER Stijn (6), ...
<b>Netherlands</b>	79	BOOM Lars (13), VERMELTFOORT Coen (8), ...
<b>Russia</b>	60	GALIMZYANOV Denis (8), KRITSKIY Timofey (8), FIRSANOV Sergey (6), SHCHEBELINE Alexei (6), ...
<b>Poland</b>	59	KIENDYS Tomasz (6), WESOLY Marek (6), ...
<b>Australia</b>	49	McEWEN Robbie (5)*, ...
<b>Venezuela</b>	42	MEDINA MARINO Manuel Eduardo (6), GARCIA RINCON Artur Alberto (6), OCHOA Carlos Jose (6), ...

\* No Australian rider won more than 5 races.

## 4. RACE STATISTICS

### FASTEST ONE DAY RACES

Race	Km	Time	Average speed	Winner
<b>Trofeo Mallorca</b>	100	2.03'04"	48.754 km/h	GILBERT Philippe (Bel/Française des Jeux)
<b>Nationale Sluitingprijs – Putte-Kapellen</b>	177.2	3.38'11"	48.730 km/h	DEKKERS Hans (Ned/Mitsubishi – Jartazi)
<b>Beograd – Banja Luka I</b>	131.5	2.43'37"	48.222 km/h	ILESIC Aldo Ino (Srb/Sava)
<b>Omloop van de Vlaamse Scheldeboorden – Kruibeke</b>	196.4	4'05'00"	48.098 km/h	WEYLANDT Wouter (Bel/Quick Step)
<b>Beograd – Banja Luka II</b>	125.5	2.39'02"	47.349 km/h	STARE Matej (Slo/Perutnina Ptuj)

### FASTEST STAGES

Race	Km	Time	Average speed	Winner
<b>Tour of Qatar, Stage 2: Al Zubarah - Doha Golf Club</b>	137.5	2.28'37"	55.512 km/h	BOONEN Tom (Bel/Quick Step)
<b>Tour of Qinghai Lake, Stage 10: Xining – Xining</b>	110	1.59'09"	55.392 km/h	RASMUSSEN Alex (Den/Team Designa Kokken)
<b>Volta do Estado de São Paulo, Stage 9: Jundiai – São Paulo</b>	51.5	56'14"	54.950 km/h	GOES Gilberto Veiga (Bra/Elite-2)
<b>Tour of Iran, Stage 2: Ghom – Tehran</b>	126	2.29'42"	50.501 km/h	SOHRABI Mahdi (Iri/Islamic Azad Univercity)
<b>Tour of Japan, Stage 2: Nara Circuit</b>	146.2	2.54'31"	50.265 km/h	SULZBERGER Wesley (Aus/SouthAustralia.com – AIS)

## FASTEST PROLOGUES

Race	Km	Time	Average speed	Winner
<b>Tour of Qinghai Lake, Stage 1: Xining I.T.T.</b>	3.8	4'03"	56.296 km/h	RASMUSSEN Alex (Den/Team Designa Kokken)
<b>Dauphiné Libéré, Prologue: Le Pontet – Avignon I.T.T.</b>	5.6	6'10"	54.486 km/h	LEIPHEIMER Levi (Usa/Astana)
<b>Deutschland-Tour, Prologue: Kitzbühel I.T.T.</b>	3.6	3'59"	54.226 km/h	LANCASTER Brett (Aus/Team Milram)
<b>Circuit de la Sarthe – Pays de Loire, Stage 3: Angers I.T.T.</b>	9	10'00"	54.000 km/h	VANDE VELDE Christian (Usa/Garmin – Chipotle)
<b>Tour de Romandie, Prologue: Genève I.T.T.</b>	1.9	2'07"	53.858 km/h	CAVENDISH Mark (Gbr/Team Columbia)

## FASTEST INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIALS

Race	Km	Time	Average speed	Winner
<b>Vuelta a Cuba, Stage 7a: Moron – Ciego de Avila I.T.T.</b>	37	42'01"	52.836 km/h	PEREZ MARQUEZ Pedro Pablo (Cub/Elite-2)
<b>Giro d'Italia, Stage 21: Cesano Maderno – Milano</b>	28.5	32'45"	52.214 km/h	PINOTTI Marco (Ita/Team Columbia)
<b>Sachsen-Tour, Stage 4: Grossenhain I.T.T.</b>	37	42'32"	52.194 km/h	GRABSCH Bert (Ger/Team Columbia)
<b>Giro del Trentino, Stage 1: Arco – Riva del Garda I.T.T.</b>	9.68	11'08"	52.168 km/h	ZAGORODNY Volodymyr (Ukr/NGC Medical – OTC Industria Porte)
<b>Osterreich-Rundfahrt, Stage 6: Podersdorf am Neusiedler See I.T.T.</b>	26.2	30'30"	51.541 km/h	GRABSCH Bert (Ger/Team Columbia)

## FASTEST TEAM TIME TRIALS

Race	Km	Time	Average speed	Winner
<b>Tour de Pologne, Stage 1: Warszawa T.T.T.</b>	4	4'05"	58.776 km/h	Team CSC – Saxo Bank (Den)
<b>Settimana Lombarda, Stage 1: Brignano T.T.T.</b>	18.3	19'35"	56.068 km/h	Tinkoff Credit Systems (Ita)
<b>Vuelta a España, Stage 1: Granada T.T.T.</b>	7.7	8'21"	55.329 km/h	Liquigas (Ita)
<b>Tour of Qatar, Stage 1: Doha T.T.T.</b>	6	6'35"	54.684 km/h	Quick Step (Bel)
<b>Settimana Coppi e Bartali, Stage 1b: Misano Adriatico T.T.T.</b>	11.8	13'01"	54.392 km/h	Liquigas (Ita)

## LONGEST ONE DAY RACES

Race	Km	Time	Average speed	Winner
<b>Milano – Sanremo</b>	298	7.14'35"	41.143 km/h	CANCELLARA Fabian (Sui/Team CSC – Saxon Bank)
<b>Pomorski Klasyk</b>	298	8.15'31"	36.084 km/h	BARANOWSKI Dariusz (Pol/DHL – Author)
<b>Ronde van Vlaanderen</b>	264	6.24'02"	41.246 km/h	DEVOLDER Stijn (Bel/Quick Step)
<b>Praha – Karlovy Vary – Praha</b>	262	6.25'10"	40.814 km/h	BAUMANN Eric (Ger/Team Sparkasse)
<b>Liège – Bastogne – Liège</b>	261	6.44'05"	38.754 km/h	VALVERDE BELMONTE Alejandro (Esp/Caisse d'Épargne)

## LONGEST STAGES

Race	Km	Time	Average speed	Winner
<b>Giro d'Italia, Stage 19: Legnano – Presolana/Monte Pora</b>	238	6.37'32"	35.922 km/h	KIRYIENKA Vasil (Blr/Tinkoff Credit Systems)
<b>Sachsen-Tour, Stage 2: Görlitz – Frohburg</b>	238	5.52'17"	40.536 km/h	DOWNING Dean (Gbr/Rapha – Condor – Recycling.co.uk)
<b>Dauphiné Libéré, Stage 6: Morzine – La Toussuire</b>	233	6.15'53"	37.192 km/h	SÖRENSEN Chris Anker (Den/Team CSC – Saxo Bank)
<b>Giro d'Italia, Stage 6: Potenza – Peschici</b>	232	5.24'49"	42.855 km/h	PRIAMO Matteo (Ita/CSF Group – Navigare)
<b>Giro d'Italia, Stage 20: Rovetta – Tirano</b>	232	6.52'45"	33.725 km/h	SELLA Emanuele (Ita/CSF Group – Navigare)
<b>Tour de France, Stage 5: Cholet – Châteauroux</b>	232	5.27'52"	42.456 km/h	CAVENDISH Mark (Gbr/Team Columbia)

## LONGEST TIME TRIALS

Race	Km	Time	Average speed	Winner
<b>Tour de France, Stage 20: Cérilly – Saint-Amand-Montrond I.T.T.</b>	53	1.03'50"	49.817 km/h	SCHUMACHER Stefan (Ger/Gerolsteiner) *
<b>National Championships Sweden (Falun) I.T.T.</b>	51	1.06'14"	46.200 km/h	ERICSSON Frederik (Swe/Pezula Racing)
<b>National Championships Norway (Bergen) I.T.T.</b>	50	1.02'14"	48.206 km/h	BOASSON HAGEN Edvald (Nor/Team Columbia)
<b>Chrono des Nations – Les Herbiers</b>	48.5	1.00'58"	47.731 km/h	CLEMENT Stef (Ned/Bouygues Telecom)
<b>National Championships Ireland (Raheenagh) I.T.T.</b>	48	1.03'27"	45.390 km/h	HEALION Paul (Irl/Pezula Racing)
<b>Olympic Games (Beijing) I.T.T.</b>	47.3	1.02'11"	45.639 km/h	CANCELLARA Fabian (Sui/Team CSC – Saxo Bank)

\* Stefan SCHUMACHER won 2 time trials in the Tour de France of 2008, but tested positive in the specific Cera-tests that were carried out two months after the Tour finished. As he is not officially convicted and suspended yet, his results are still taken into account.