

PRESS RELEASE FROM EMMA JOHANSSON:

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Delayed season start for Emma Johansson

Olympic road cyclist, Emma Johansson, have decided to not start in this weekend season premier, "Omloop Het Nieuwsblad" the 25th February.

After Emma's successful operation on her two collarbones 19th January, she have had a speedy recovery. No matter she decided to not participate in the team training camp on Gran Canaria in the beginning of February. Instead she stayed in Norway to make sure she didn't risk anything and recovered well without too much stress.

Emma Johansson:

- *"I was quickly back on the home trainer, but the training camp with the team came a bit too early after my surgery and I decided to stay in Norway to build on my strength and do interval training. I didn't want to risk anything..."*

Emma won "Omloop Het Nieuwsblad" in 2011 and 2010 and will now watch the race from the road side.

Emma Johansson:

- *"This is one of my favorite races. It goes through my home in Belgium and I know every bit of it... I wished to start Saturday, not only for myself, but also for my team "Hitec Products – Mistral Home", my sponsors, my supporters and friends. But now I have to think about the rest of the season and I need the training blocks that I missed because of the accident."*

Emma will evaluate her condition and training progress and continuously make decisions on when she starts her season.

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About Emma Karolina Johansson:

Age: 28 år (23.09.1983 i Sollefteå)

Profession: Professional cyclist

Lives: Tønsberg, Norway and Zingem, Belgium

Team: Hitec Products – Mistral Home Cycling Team (Norway)

Resent teams: Red Sun Cycling Team, AA Drink Cycling Team, Vlaanderen top sport

Interim, Bizkaia Panda software Durango.

Major results:

Olympic silvermedal 2008

National Champion road race 2011 and 2010

National Champion TT 2008 and 2007

1. WC Drenthe 2009

2nd overall World Cup 2010 and 2009

3rd overall World Cup 2011

3rd World Cahampionships road 2010 (Melbourne)

4th World Cahampionships road 2008 (Varese)

6th World Cahampionships road 2007 (Stuttgart)

Winner overall “Trophee d’Or” (France) 2010 and 2008

1st Omloop Het Nieuwsblad 2011, 2010

1st Omloop van het Hageland 2011

1st Cholet Pays de Loire