

Phil Bauhaus, Emanuel Buchmann, and Patrick Konrad change to German pro team

Raubling – September 19, 2014. The German professional cycling team built around the new name sponsor BORA has signed the sprinter Phil Bauhaus (20, GER) and the talented climbers Emanuel Buchmann (21, GER) and Patrick Konrad (22, AUT). These three neo-professionals will each receive two-year contracts with the German team.

Team manager Ralph Denk on the new signings: "BORA will provide us with financial security for the next five years. That is the basis for building up the team's next generation without pressure and fulfilling their dreams of a professional career. I am happy that we are able to provide some of the biggest talents from the German-speaking countries with this opportunity. Phil brings an incredible boost to our sprinting power and a powerful alternative for the finale. Emanuel's and Patrick's climbing abilities are extremely valuable to the success of our stage race riders. I am looking forward to having the guys on the team."

Phil Bauhaus (Stölting) is one of Germany's most successful young sprinters this season. With five wins in UCI races this season, including two stages at the Tour of Portugal, as well as a podium placing at the German elite championships, the 20-year-old highly recommended for a professional contract. At his new team, Bauhaus will join the successful sprinter team based around Irishman Sam Bennett.

Emanuel Buchmann (Rad-Net Rose) was the best-placed German rider at this year's Tour de l'Avenir. Finishing seventh overall, he crowned a season with consistent Top 10 results at international stage races in the U23 category. Buchmann is one of Germany's biggest U23 talents for demanding stage races. Since joining his team, which was created on the initiative of the German cycling federation (BDR), he has developed into an expert mountain stage rider. Buchmann was selected to represent Germany in this year's U23 world championships.

Patrick Konrad, currently riding as a stagiaire for NetApp – Endura, comes from the Austrian team Gourmetfein-Simplon Wels. He finished on the podium of one of the most prestigious U23 stage races as third in last year's Tour de l'Avenir. This year he won the Oberösterreich-Rundfahrt. Konrad placed fourth overall in the higher-class Tour of Austria against riders from the WorldTour. Like his future teammate Buchmann, Konrad is an expert climbing specialist.