



## **Race Report #1 Team Swift Represents the United States in Italy and 2003 Team Swift Race Schedule**

Steven Cozza is a 17 year old high school senior and member of the Team Swift Junior Cycling Program. Steven was 1 of 5 junior (ages 17-18) cyclo-cross cyclists in America, selected to represent the United States at the 2003 Cyclo-Cross World Championships in Monopoli, Italy, February 1-2, 2003. Junior Cyclo-Cross competitors will be coming from countries throughout the world to compete in this world junior cycling event. Steven qualified for the World Championships by finishing fourth at the U.S. National Championships December 14<sup>th</sup> in Napa, CA.

When Steven returns home he will be leaving for the USA national junior cyclist training camp, at the Olympic Training Center, in San Diego, California with another of his Team Swift Team teammates Brady Harter. Team Swift will be competing both in the United States and throughout Europe during the 2003 season. This top division of Team Swift is going to attend the following schedule:

World Championship Qualifying Race Series  
National Championships  
Tour L'Abitibi (Late July)  
1 early stage race tba.

### World Championship Qualifying Series Dates:

June 11-15 Minnesota  
June 27-29 Fitchburg, Mass.  
July 4-6 Houston, TX National Junior Championships  
July 9-17 Superweek, Wisconsin

### Regional Racing:

Feb-May: on average 6 races per month throughout the Northern California Region  
June-July: Above schedule  
Aug-Sept: Either Cal-Cup series or World Team Preparation

Team Swift is a non-profit organization for Junior cyclists with 501(c)(3) status based and operating in Sonoma County. The Junior category for bicyclists range in age from 13-18 years old. We raise money to travel to races throughout California, the United States, and Internationally for the Elite squad. In the two years that the Team has been in existence, we have graduated from being competitive regionally to gathering success at a National level. The fundraising will support the structure to coach large numbers of teenagers, help many who cannot afford the sport of cycling, and also provide the infrastructure for the top athletes to move up to the National ranks. For Further information about Team Swift Junior Development program and about how you can help; check our website at [www.teamswift.org](http://www.teamswift.org) or email at [coach@teamswift.org](mailto:coach@teamswift.org).