

## Geist, Kuczynski Claim 2013 “Riders of the Year”

Kim Geist officially claimed 2013 “Rider of the Year” honors after an outstanding season at Valley Preferred Cycling Center. The local product from Emmaus, Pennsylvania, won a whopping twenty-six races this summer, against a well-oiled field of international stalwarts. The two-time world champion bronze medalist, and Air Products Developmental Program graduate, was a fixture atop the podium, and a staple of Friday night racing. She won ten Points races, four Scratch races, three Miss-n-Out races, and two Elimination races, to name a few. Even more impressive, perhaps, Geist only lost one Omnium race all season. The cellist outpaced Elizabeth Steel, Colleen Gulick, and Colleen Hayduck, who rounded out the top four. Geist finished with sixty nine points, garnering the honors of 2013 “Rider of the Year.”



In the men’s field, Kamil Kuczynski, a two-time Olympian from Poland, won the 2013 “Rider of the Year.” Kuczynski, an imposing figure on the track, won a total of ten races this summer at Valley Preferred Cycling Center. He won three Super Sprint Eliminations, two Scratch races, a Kierin Final, and two Omnium’s. The Polish cyclist edged out Argentine Leandro Botasso by six points in the final points standings. Local product Matt Baranoski, and Australia’s Luke Ockerby finished third and fourth in the standings, respectively.

Congratulations to both Kim Geist, and Kamil Kuczynski for their efforts this year, in route to winning the 2013 “Rider of the Year,” accolade. Their names will forever be cemented in the annals at the Valley Preferred Cycling Center in ‘T-Town!’