



**THE ARMED FORCES
CYCLING CLASSIC**



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UNITEDHEALTHCARE WINS CLARENDON CUP AGAIN

Arlington, Va. – Eric Marcotte of UnitedHealthCare won the top spot in the 2018 Clarendon Cup, giving the team its unprecedented ninth victory in a row in this annual event. Known as 'The Race of 500 Corners' among pro cyclists due to its tight, challenging course, UHC's continued dominance of the race demonstrates their mastery of the course and their phenomenal teamwork.

Marcotte was part of a three-man break that went off the front early, and the trio lapped the peloton and rejoined the field with 35 laps to go. As the remaining laps dwindled, Marcotte benefitted from the strong support of his teammates, including defending champion Carlos Alzate.

With only nine laps to go, a crash took down fifteen riders, including Marcotte's support. However, he managed to finish strong and secure the victory.

The other two breakaway riders, Philip Short of Nine Lives Carbon Repair and Winston David of Cyclus Sport Starlight Factory Team, avoided the crash and stayed with the lead group to the end. Short, who appeared to be struggling after the breakaway and did not have the benefit of supporting teammates, regained his composure and held on for second. David, a Florida native, secured the third.

Matt McLoone of Battley Harley-Davidson Founding Farmers earned the Most Heroic Rider Award in this year's Men's Pro/Cat 1 race. He survived 25 solo laps and, while he did not make the podium, he rode an impressive race for his team, earning the Lockheed Martin Most Heroic jersey.

The Armed Forces Cycling Classic's Clarendon Cup is part of USA Cycling's Pro Road Tour (formerly the National Criterium Calendar), and has been the Washington DC region's premier Pro/Am race since 1998. The weekend-long event showcases high energy, spectator-friendly bike races that take place on a 1km course on city streets.

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