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**Team Places Two in Top-10 at Dodge Tour de Georgia  
Raisin Retains U-23 Lead**

SAN FRANCISCO (April 23, 2003) – The Ofoto / Lombardi Sports Cycling Team has achieved more strong results in today's Stage 1 of the Dodge Tour de Georgia.

Swiss rider Roman Peter (hometown, Switzerland), the 1996 Junior World Cyclocross Champion, placed 7th out of the lead pack of ??(50-55) riders.

Close behind him, Rider (hometown) took 10<sup>th</sup> place on the stage, which covered 136 miles between Augusta and Macon.

With the Saturn team controlling the pace throughout the day, the main field stayed together to contest a sprint finish at the end of 3 difficult finishing circuits in the city of Macon.

As the race approached the finish, Ofoto / Lombardi Sports rider Jonathan Erdelyi (Brick, NJ) briefly took a 30 second lead over the main field before his solo attack succumbed to the high speed of the pack.

Shortly thereafter, Erdelyi appeared off the front again, in a breakaway group of 4 riders who were swept up after a brief escape.

Georgia native Saul Raisin (Dalton, GA), another member of the Ofoto / Lombardi Sports Cycling Team, was able to stay with the lead group and retained his lead in the Best Young Rider standings.

The Dodge Tour de Georgia will visit nine cities with its six stages covering over 600 miles, beginning in Savannah on April 22 and concluding in Atlanta on April 27.

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Formerly America's premier amateur cycling team, **Ofoto/Lombardi** is in its second season as a professional team. The team contains a current National Champion, four ex-National Champions, and a current US National Team Member. National and racial diversity are key elements of the team's make-up, with an Irish, a Swiss, and a Canadian amongst the American contingent, which contains two of the three African-American professional road cyclists in the world. [www.lombardisports.com/bike/bike\\_TEAM.html](http://www.lombardisports.com/bike/bike_TEAM.html)

