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**Ofoto / Lombardi Sports Cycling Team Remains Aggressive
O'Loughlin Bides His Time**

COLUMBUS, GEORGIA (April 24, 2003) – The Ofoto / Lombardi Sports Cycling Team once again featured prominently in the Dodge Tour de Georgia, despite the fast pace of today's 124 mile Stage Two from Macon to Columbus.

Team member Erik Saunders (Richmond, VA) took part in the main breakaway effort of the day, accompanied by Phil Zajicek (Saturn) and Troy White (Sierra Nevada / Clif Bar).

"We spent a good 40 miles out there," Saunders recalled, "then Phil stopped working and Troy started cramping."

Russell Hamby (Sacramento, CA), who finished 12th in Wednesday's Stage One, made a move of his own in the final 15 miles of the race.

"The whole group was super-aggressive. I countered somebody's move, and nobody came with me. The gap was about 20 to 25 seconds, then all of a sudden it went up to 45. I would have lasted a lot longer except that Eric Wohlberg (5th place overall) decided to come with me and Navigators shut it down [to protect Henk Vogels' lead]."

Recounting the finish, Hamby added, "Davey (O'Loughlin) was trying to lead me out, but it was pretty dicey and we couldn't get right up to the front."

On the whole, the team's positive attitude has translated into its attacking style. Hamby described the team's goal:

"Everybody's goal here is to be aggressive and get our name out there."

David O'Loughlin (Cong, Ireland), the team's main threat for the overall standings, described the race's first few days and his plans for the rest of the week:

"It's been good, but the harder stages are yet to come. I have good legs, and I'm looking forward to the harder stages. So far it's been pretty controlled. I'll be aggressive towards the end of the stages."

The team's local rider, Saul Raisin (Dalton, GA), finished safely in the pack and continues to hold the lead in the Best Young Rider standings.

The Dodge Tour de Georgia visits 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



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