

MIDWESTERN ATHLETES WIN USCF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two riders from Midwestern State University won a total of three USA Cycling state championship jerseys in competitions held over the past weekend.

Jennifer Purcell won the 19-29 age category in both the age-based state championship road race, held Saturday in Forestburg TX, and the age-based state championship criterium, held Sunday in Richardson TX.

Brian Wyrick won the Under 23 state champion's jersey -- and the entire 19-29 race as well -- in the criterium in Richardson. Stefan Rothe was second behind Wyrick.

"I'm very encouraged by these results, which are happening just over a week before we leave for the Collegiate National Road Championships in Lawrence, Kan.," said MSU Cycling Coach Gary Achterberg. "Our entire nationals team is riding really well -- and they're working well as a unit. Brian's victory, especially, came with a lot of support from his teammates."