

CYCLING – EUROPEAN ROAD RACING

From: **Don Benito, Extremadura, Spain,**

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BRITISH RIDER CHARLIE QUARTERMAN OF ZAPPI RACE TEAM WINS THE JUNIOR CIRCUIT DEL GUADIANA - THE FIRST RACE OF 2015 IN THE COPA DE ESPANA, JUNIOR NATIONAL SERIES

On Saturday, February 21st, Charlie Quarterman of Oxford-based Zappi Race Team won the prestigious 80 km Circuit del Guadiana in Don Benito, Spain, as well as taking third place in the King of the Mountains competition.

Quarterman was up against 180 riders representing the strongest teams in Spain, including both the Contador and Valverde (Movistar) development teams.

After a break in the peloton and a number of attacks, Quarterman broke away with three other riders at the top of the final climb with 20 kms to go. He turned on the power for an heroic solo effort over the last 5km, winning by a 9 second margin over **Raúl Rico** (Giménez Ganga) and **Juan Pedro López** (Flex-Fund Alberto Contador).

This result has taken the Spanish cycling community and media by surprise, with the Flex-Fund Contador Team as clear favourites going into the race. His achievement is particularly significant because Quarterman (16) was riding his first Junior National race, beating top Spanish riders of up to 18 years of age.

Among the other finishers, Buauna Ball and Pat Christopher of Zappi Race Team finished in 15th and 58th respectively.

Paul Quarterman, Zappis Junior Race Team Manager