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### CITATION

#### DELOITTE SCHOLARSHIP APRIL 2010

#### MICHAEL VINK (CYCLING)

Michael is an 18 year old with considerable potential as a road and track cyclist. He already has a long list of achievements. He became involved with the sport about 3 years ago and quickly developed a passion for it. He won 6 medals, including 3 golds, at the Canterbury Track Championships at his first attempt in February 2008, 5 months after seeing the velodrome for the first time. He has since gone from strength to strength and has now won various age group National and Canterbury events and titles. He represented NZ at the Junior World Track Championships in Capetown in 2008 and Moscow in 2009. Unfortunately he was ruled out of competition for the latter due to a freak accident in the velodrome while training beforehand. Last year he set NZ records on the road for the U19 25km Road Time Trial and then on the track, the U19 3000m Individual Pursuit and the 4000m team pursuit. He also joined the Subway-Avanti Cycling Team and recently won the Le Race event in Christchurch against formidable senior opposition.

Since then he has joined a top amateur team in Belgium in an effort to develop and gain qualification for the World U23 Road titles in September. His coach, Terry Gyde, considers him to be best talent he has seen with the potential to succeed at the highest level. By all accounts, he is highly motivated, very competitive and prepared to work hard to achieve results. These attributes should stand him in good stead in a very competitive sport.

With his record to date he is a very worthy recipient and the award will assist with his development. We wish him well for the future.

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