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**World's best riders sign up for the Tour of Britain cycle race
- coming to Newbury on Monday 8 September 2008.**

Preparations for the Tour of Britain stage finish in Newbury on Monday 8 September have been given a huge boost by recent announcements about the riders who will make up the field for the event this September.

Leading the way is Team Columbia, the team of British Tour de France double stage winner Mark Cavendish and reigning Olympic Champion Bradley Wiggins. They will be joined by defending champion and Tour de France yellow jersey holder Romain Feillu and the rest of the Agritubel team who have also confirmed that they will be taking part in the 8 day race. In addition, for the 5th year running, the top-ranked team in the world, Team CSC-Saxobank, has confirmed that they'll be sending a very strong team to the internationally-recognised Tour of Britain.

The Olympic flavour continues throughout the lineup with Team Barloworld confirming Welsh talent Geraint Thomas in their provisional line up whilst in the CSC-Saxobank lineup are World and Olympic Champions Stuart O'Grady and Brad McGee.

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“Many of the world’s top cyclists are coming to Newbury and West Berkshire on September 8th”, said Ian Grose (Newbury Town Council), “and thousands of people are expected to watch them do battle on the roads of our area. Many of these riders are regularly at the front of the Tour de France peloton, which is attracting large audiences on ITV every evening. These riders are coming here in September, and it’s an opportunity to watch the world’s best contest a high-speed sprint in the middle of our area. Come along and enjoy the spectacle!”

The race is organised by the Tour of Britain and Stage 2 (from Milton Keynes to Newbury on Monday 8 September 2008) is supported by the South East England Development Agency (SEEDA), Greenham Common Trust and Newbury Town Council.

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