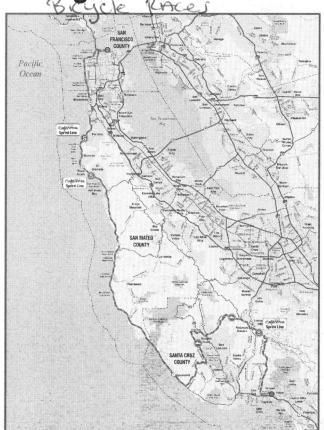
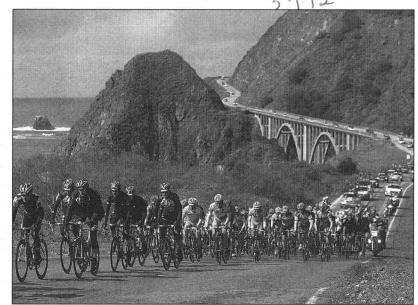
Amgen Tour comes through Santa Cruz; ends Stage 2 in Aptos



n Monday, May 14, Cabrillo College hosts the stage 2 finish of the Amgen Tour of California after a day-long ride from the heart of San Francisco.

Beginning at Marina Green at 11:05 am in San Francisco's Marina District, the start line will run right to the break wall of San Francisco Bay. The backdrop will be the breathtaking views of the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, Angel Island and the Marin Headlands. Within minutes, the race will pass through the Presidio then continue south on Highway 1 through Pacifica and Daly City.

Making its way along the Devil's Slide then through Half Moon Bay the riders and spectators worldwide will enjoy this spectacular coastline. The stage then turns inland and starts the assault up Bonny Doon Road and Empire Grade then white-knuckling it down Jameson Creek road through Boulder Creek. The route again climbs up Bear Creek Rd, along Summit Rd to the final 11-mile descent along Soquel-San Jose Road, through Soquel and along Soquel



Drive to Cabrillo College and the finish line at approximately 3:53 pm.

The stage has two long climbs giving the riders another KOM (King of the Mountain) opportunity. The 117-mile stage 2 of the Amgen Tour of California will be a long and difficult stage.

The largest cycling event in America, the 2012 Amgen Tour of California is a Tour de France-style cycling road race, presented by AEG that challenges the world's top professional cycling teams to compete along a demanding course from May 13-20, 2012.