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David Martin of the Central Ontario Racing club

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Racing competitively for just a year, David Martin is already someone to be reckoned with on the provincial cycling circuit.

Martin won the senior men's individual time trial at the provincial road racing championship at Barrie two weekends ago.

The victory at Barrie wasn't the first this summer for the 22-year old Thurlow resident. He also was first in his division at a meet in Hamilton plus placed second at a recent time trial in Ottawa.

"I always wanted to compete but I just couldn't afford it...I still can't but..." he says.

Martin's bike costs about \$1,500 then there's another \$500 for a spare set of wheels. Add to that the cost of travelling to and from various competitions and the costs add up.

Martin has been cycling for several years but he didn't join the Central Ontario Racing team until the past year.

This weekend he'll be travelling to Oleans, New York to hopefully win some of the \$10,000 in prize money that will be up for grabs at a four-stage cycling competition.

"There's \$2,000 in my category so I'll be working hard for it but so will a lot of other people--there's going to be plenty of competition," says Martin, a third year Engineering Technology student at Loyalist College.

The four-stage race at Oleans starts with a four mile hill climb then is a 75-mile road race followed by a 10-mile time trial while the fourth stage is a 30-mile criterium.

Martin, who attended high school at Moira Secondary, says he expects to do well, especially in the first and third stages.

"I think I'm pretty good on hills and I've done well on the time trials but there will be lots of competition."

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