## **Media Release**



## Olympic Gold medallist and World Time Trial Champion Grace Brown joins SBS commentary team for Spring Classics Races

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SBS is excited to announce that Paris Olympic Gold medallist and reigning 2024 World Champion **Grace Brown** is joining Australia's Home of Cycling. She will make her much anticipated commentary debut for the 2025 Spring Classic Races which commence on **Sunday 6 April, broadcast live and free** on **SBS On Demand** and **VICELAND**.

Arguably Australia's most accomplished female road cyclist, Brown retired after her historic 2024 season in which she won three of the most prestigious titles in road cycling – the Olympic gold medal and world title in the individual time trial, as well as the Spring Classic Liege- Bastogne –Liege. She returns this year to the famously testing roads of Belgium and northern France not in the saddle but in the SBS commentary box, where her extensive knowledge of these historic races will be available to fans tuning into SBS' renowned cycling coverage.

Joining Brown will be esteemed SBS cycling commentators dual-Australian road national champion **Gracie Elvin** and Australian national time trial champion **Dr. Bridie O'Donnell.** These three experts will guide SBS viewers through the Tour of Flanders Women's race and the Paris-Roubaix Femmes Avec Zwift, while Grace Brown will also be commentating on the men's and women's Liege-Bastogne-Liege races. The men's Tour of Flanders race will be commentated by Australia's 'voice of cycling' **Matthew Keenan**, former professional road racing cyclist **Mitch Docker**, and former triathlete **Matilda Raynolds**.

**Grace Brown said:** "I'm thrilled to be joining the SBS commentary team for select Spring Classics races! Commentating is an incredible opportunity to stay connected to the sport and tap into some of the adrenaline I miss from racing. I love the excitement of the races and genuinely enjoy talking about them. As I navigate this new chapter after my racing career, finding my voice in the media space is an exciting challenge, and I'm eager to keep learning and growing."

The Spring Classics will serve as a warm-up for cycling fans across the country as they prepare for the Grand Tours on SBS, Australia's Home of Cycling. The Giro d'Italia will begin with the fight for the maillot rosa from Friday 9 May, followed by the world's biggest annual sporting event, the Tour de France and Tour de France Femmes avec Zwift, where the world's best cyclists will battle it out for the titles. The Grand Tours will then conclude with La Vuelta a España, finishing off an incredible season of cycling, in which fans will be able to make a thrilling journey through Europe alongside their favourite riders via SBS' extensive broadcast offering.

## See the full cycling broadcast schedule <u>here</u>.

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## **GRACE BROWN BIO**

Grace Brown OAM is Australia's most successful female road cyclist. She recently retired from the sport as Olympic and World Champion in the Individual time trial. Brown's rise to the top of professional cycling began in 2019 when she signed with Mitchelton-Scott, winning the National Time Trial Championship and a stage of the Santos Tour Down Under in her first season. In 2020, she had a breakthrough year, securing a World Tour podium at Liège-Bastogne-Liège and claiming victory at Brabantse Pijl. At the Tokyo 2021 Olympics, she finished fourth in the Individual Time Trial, just shy of the podium. In 2022, she moved to FDJ-SUEZ, where she continued to build an impressive palmarès. She won Commonwealth Games gold, earned two silver medals at the World Championships ITT, and dominated the National ITT Championships for multiple years. In 2024, she reached the pinnacle of her career, winning Olympic gold in Paris, becoming World Champion in the Individual Time Trial, and claiming victory in the prestigious Liège-Bastogne-Liège. Brown is now part of the SBS commentary and podcast team, and president of the board of The Cyclists' Alliance.