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WITH ONE LEG OVER SWISS PASS ROADS

Beat Schwarzenbach was a young enthusiastic cyclist who was looking forward to a great career in his beloved sport when disaster struck a cruel blow to his plans.

One evening in 1989 when he was training on the road, he was speeding down the Bucheneggpass (ZH) at 65

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km per hour when suddenly, around a bend, his path was blocked by a tractor. The collision was inevitable and Beat Schwarzenbach was so badly injured that he had to remain in hospital for over 9 months during which time his left leg had to be amputated.

Undaunted by this terrible handicap, Beat decided that he would continue with his beloved sport and as soon as he could, he was back on his racing bike and in full training as before the accident.

Every month he pedals over 1000 km through Switzerland, up and down pass roads such as the Furka, Gothard and the Susten.

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Beat Schwarzenbach in full training on his specially adapted racing bike.

