

# U.S. Doping Agency Erases Lance Armstrong's Titles

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The champagne toasts on the Champs-Elysees and the two-fingered "V" for victory signs he flashed while pedaling to the finish line.

The excruciating mountain climbs and the explosions of power that pushed him past other heaving cyclists on narrow Alpine roads.

The legions of fans wearing yellow Livestrong bracelets cheering on the cancer survivor whose grit and determination gave them hope.

Faded images are all that remain of the unprecedented cycling career of Lance Armstrong.

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency erased the rest of it on Friday.

It wiped out 14 years of Armstrong's career — including his record seven Tour de France titles — and barred him for life from the sport after concluding he used banned substances.

USADA said it expected cycling's governing body to take similar action, but the International Cycling Union was measured in its response, saying it first wanted a full explanation of why Armstrong should relinquish Tour titles he won from 1999 through 2005.

The Amaury Sport Organization, which runs the world's most prestigious cycling race, said it would not comment until hearing from the UCI and USADA. The U.S. agency contends the cycling body is bound by the World Anti-Doping Code to strip Armstrong of one of the most incredible achievements in sports.

Armstrong, who retired a year ago and turns 41 next month, said Thursday he would no longer challenge USADA and declined to exercise his last op-

tion by entering arbitration. He denied again that he ever took banned substances in his career, calling USADA's investigation a "witch hunt" without any physical evidence.

He is now officially a drug cheat in the eyes of his nation's doping agency.

USADA chief executive Travis Tygart described the investigation as a battle against a "win-at-all-cost culture," adding that the UCI was "bound to recognize our decision and impose it."

"They have no choice but to strip the titles under the code," he said.

That would leave Greg LeMond as the only American to win the Tour de France, having done so in 1986, 1989 and 1990.

Armstrong on Friday sent a tweet that he's still planning to ride in a mountain bike race in Aspen, Colo., on Saturday and follow it up with running a marathon on Sunday, but he did not comment directly on the sanctions.

The UCI and USADA have engaged in a turf war over who should prosecute allegations against Armstrong. The UCI event backed Armstrong's failed legal challenge to USADA's authority, and it cited the same World Anti-Doping Code in saying that it wanted to hear more from the U.S. agency.

"As USADA has claimed jurisdiction in the case, the UCI expects that it will issue a reasoned decision" explaining the action taken, the Switzerland-based organization said in a statement. It said legal procedures obliged USADA to fulfill this demand in cases "where no hearing occurs."

If Tour de France officials follow USADA's lead and announce that Armstrong has been stripped of his titles, Jan

Ulrich could be promoted to champion in three of those years. Ullrich was stripped of his third-place finish in the 2005 Tour and retired from racing two years later after being implicated in another doping scandal.

The retired German racer expressed no desire to rewrite the record book of cycling's greatest event, even though he would be the biggest beneficiary.

"I know how the order was on the finishing line at the time," Ullrich said. "I've finished with my professional career and have always said that I was proud of my second-place finishes."

The International Olympic Committee said Friday it will await decisions by USADA and UCI before taking any steps against Armstrong, who won a bronze medal at the 2000 Sydney Games. Besides the disqualifications, Armstrong will forfeit any medals, winnings, points and prizes, USADA said, but it is the lost titles that now dominate his legacy.

Every one of Armstrong's competitive races from Aug. 1, 1998, has been vacated by USADA, established in 2000 as the official anti-doping agency for Olympic sports in the United States. Since Armstrong raced in UCI-sanctioned events, he was subject to international drug rules enforced in the U.S. by USADA. Its staff joined a federal criminal investigation of Armstrong that ended earlier this year with no charges being filed.



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As Larson's Landing got back on its feet, word spread quickly that the business was back in operation, and most of the approximately 90 cam pads are filled. An official grand re-opening event will be held today (Saturday).

## Landing

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"That really blew my mind," Doug said. "I never thought that late in the season we'd fill up."

The Larsons hope the public will visit the park during an open house today from 10 a.m. to noon. Snacks and tours will be provided.

"One of the big things will be to take people behind the property so they can see how high the water was on the trees," said Linda. "So many people came out here during the flood and looked at this place all full of water. We want to show them what we've done in the last year."

Despite signs telling people to stay off the property during the flood, Doug said there were constant onlookers.

"About a week before the flood ended, I figured out what to do — put a sign up that says 'Visitors welcome. \$5 a car,'" he said with a chuckle. "It was too late then, but that would have stopped them."

The memories of the flood are still fresh.

They couple recalls how a homemade pirate ship popular with the children at the park had to be hauled to higher ground. It once again rests in the marina and is a mainstay for youthful imaginations.

They recall losing their home that once sat along the shore of the river.

"When we finally accepted the fact our house was shot, there was one house in the park that was above the floodplain," Doug said. "It was for sale, and we decided to buy it. We didn't have much choice."

The Larsons found a buyer for that home last fall and had a new one shipped in last November.

"That was rough," Doug said. "All winter long, all there was around it was mud. No driveway. That was depressing."

In the spring, a garage and concrete were added.

"Now, it's our home," Doug stated.

They couple said the dried silt left by the flood blowing around

the property in the spring was terrible.

"You couldn't see anything," Doug said. "We still have some pockets of silt lying around."

Now, water lines are still visible on poles and trees. Campers aren't lined as close to the river as they once were. It remains to be seen how many of the trees manage to survive after enduring a flood last year and a drought this year.

But the park is nearly full and a sense of community has returned, the Larsons said. Some RVers have laid concrete pads and given a feeling of permanency to their camping pads.

With things returning to normal at home, the Larsons know what they need — a vacation.

After Labor Day, they are planning an excursion.

"It will be our first time away from the park since Memorial Day (of 2011)," Linda said.

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