

Prologue, Puy du Fou, 6.8 kms, July 3rd:

On a difficult parcours (6.8 kms) he averaged more than 50 km/h to beat Alex Zülle by 7 seconds and Spaniard Abraham Olano by 11 seconds. The latter two riders are considered specialists in the time trial.

Tested at 9.45am, 100% basic isoforms.

Stage 1, Montaigu - Challans, 209 kms, July 4th:

Lance Armstrong finished safely in the peloton.

Tested at 5.00pm, 89.7% basic isoforms

Stage 2, Challans - Saint-Nazaire, 202 kms, July 5th:

Kirsipuu did enough to take the maillot jaune from American Lance Armstrong (not tested).

Stage 7, Avesnes-sur-Helpe - Thionville, 223 kms, July 10th:

Armstrong 54 seconds behind leader (not tested).

Stage 8, Metz - Metz ITT, 56 kms, July 11th:

The race of truth - it is designed to sort out the real contenders from the team players. Armstrong was first through each of the checkpoints.

Some controversy has arisen over the use of the "camel bag" bidon system.

Armstrong used the "camel-bag" and said it allowed him to keep his hands on the bars at all times. The experts claim that the regulations do not allow it but up until now the jury has not reacted.

Armstrong leads by 57 seconds.

Tested at 5.40pm, visual interpretation 'positive' for presence of EPO, but no percentages reported ('to be reanalysed').

REST DAY, July 12th

Stage 9, Le Grand Bornand - Sestrières (Italy), 215 kms, July 13th:

Lance Armstrong took a 6 minute plus lead in the Tour after a dashing win on Stage 9 which finished at the ski station on Sestrières. The first day of mountains and an American with a stranglehold over the Tour. Lance Armstrong demolished the best climbers in the Tour de France on the last climb to Sestrières.

Tested at 5.15pm, 96.6% basic isoforms

Stage 10, Sestrières - L'Alpe d'Huez, 218 kms, July 14th:

The yellow jersey lead widened to over 7 minutes.

Tested at 5.40pm, 88.7% basic isoforms

Stage 11, Le Bourg d'Oisans - Saint-Etienne, 199 kms, July 15th:

There were no changes in the jerseys: Armstrong in yellow, O'Grady in green and Virenque in the polka-dot. Armstrong led by 7.42

Tested but sample was missing, no analyses conducted.

Stage 12, Saint-Galmier - Saint-Flour, 197 kms, July 16th:

Armstrong maintains 7.44 lead.

Tested at 5.15pm, 95.2% basic isoforms

Stage 13, Saint-Flour - Albi, 237 kms, July 17th:

Armstrong maintains 7.44 lead.

Tested at 5.50pm, visually positive for EPO but intensity too weak to provide percentage of isoforms.

Stage 14, Castres - Saint-Gaudens, 189 kms, July 18th:

Armstrong maintains 7.44 lead.

Tested at 5.00pm, 89.4% basic isoforms

REST DAY, July 19th.

Stage 15, Saint-Gaudens - Piau-Engaly, 174 kms, July 20th:

Armstrong leads by 6.19.

Tested at 4.00pm, less than 125 UI/L in urine, 'undetectable'.

Stage 16, Lannemezan - Pau, 192 kms, July 21st:

Armstrong leads by 6.15.

Tested at 5.45pm, less than 125 UI/L in urine, 'undetectable'.

Stage 17, Mourenx - Bordeaux, 184 kms, July 22nd:

Armstrong leads by 6.15

Tested at 5.15pm, less than 125 UI/L in urine, 'undetectable'.

Stage 18, Jonzac - Futuroscope, 182 kms, July 23rd:

Armstrong leads by 6.15

Tested at 5.20pm, less than 125 UI/L in urine, 'undetectable'.

Stage 19, Futuroscope ITT, 57 kms, July 24th:

Armstrong rode the course in a blistering average time of 50.085 km/h. He became the first rider to win both time trials plus the prologue since Indurain in 1992. He narrowly beat Alex Zulle, a time trial specialist who had confessed to police after the 98 Tour that he had used EPO and GH for 4 years. Armstrong leads by 7.37

Tested at 5.50pm, less than 125 UI/L in urine, 'undetectable'.

Stage 20, Arpajon - Paris Champs-Élysées, 160 kms, July 25th:

Armstrong wins by 7.37

Tested at 7pm, less than 125 UI/L in urine, 'undetectable'.

Lance Armstrong in Brief:

Born: 18/9/1971 at Dallas, USA.

1.78 m, 73 kg.

Married to Kristin.

Lives near to Nice.

Professional since 1992.

Motorola (1992-1996), Cofidis (1997), US Postal (since 1998).

Tour de France: 5th participation. 5 stage victories (Verdun 1993, Limoges 1995, Prologue Puy-du-Fou, ITT Metz, and Sestrières 1999). 3 abandons (1993, 1994, 1996). 36th in 1995.

12th in UCI Rankings.