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The cover of L'Equipe, Saturday, August 24th



Inside stories on Lance Armstrong's decision to turn down arbitration and accept the loss of his TdF victories. This is definitely seen in France as proof that he doped.

Pretty sure Lance timed his announcement that he wasn't going to seek arbitration (and thus accept the loss of his Tour de France titles) so that it would be somewhat "stale" when L'Equipe could get around to printing it. L'Equipe, a French sports magazine, has been all over Lance from the beginning, so it's likely the last thing he'd want is for them to have the new info in a timely fashion. A small measure of revenge on Lance's part.

I bought all 4 copies I could find at the train station, which got me to thinking, if I could buy every copy in existence, would the story not have happened? :-)

We still don't know what the USADA has on him, we still don't know if George Hincapie, perhaps the only universally-believable witness, said anything to support the allegations of the various other witnesses. If he did, then it's possible that Lance chose the path

he did to help shield an old friend from having to look like a bad guy. If George did not corroborate the USADA account, then this story will never end.