

You could have heard a pin drop (Lance interview)



Employees watching the Lance interview with Oprah. From 6pm (when the interview began) until closing, it was quiet enough to hear a pin drop.

Hard to say if it was going to be a quiet evening anyway, or if most of our customers were heading home fast to watch Lance being interviewed by Oprah. Maybe we couldn't wait to hear the USADA (United States Anti-Doping Agency) pronounced "yousada". Maybe we wanted to hear Lance answer "Yes" to each question regarding whether he used a certain type of doping. Maybe we wanted to see him squirm.

But if we were waiting for something new, some incredible revelation, we didn't hear it. The most-surprising thing Lance said was that he rode the 2009 & 2010 "comeback" Tours clean, sans doping. Something which flies in the face of what Tygart, head of the USADA, believes to be true, and a statement that quite likely could keep Lance from ever competing again, because it has the appearances of being Lance continuing to lie. He may not be; he may have actually ridden those last two tours clean. Or, he may, by making that claim, be trying to divide and conquer, forcing people to choose sides, hoping that some are willing to believe he did have a change of heart after his 7 tour wins, re-establishing some degree of support again.

It's tough not to be cynical. Maybe tomorrow night's conclusion will contain more emotion, more evidence of what Lance actually feels regarding the many years of lies and the many people he sought to destroy when they accused him of doping. --Mike--