



The Tour De France!

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History Of The Tour De France

Did you know this amazing event dates back to 1903? The very first race was held in July 1st to 19th. It all started when a cycling journalist suggested a cycle race to promote the newspaper and his Editor loved the idea. The next day, it went on the local newspaper and roughly 60 people joined in. As it was such a hard race only 21 people actually managed to finish it! The First race was known to be the most grueling as they had to face many obstacles: nails being thrown and of course the weather- nobody knew if they would be cycling in the scorching sun or the torrential rain.

Jerseys



As you may know, the race is divided up into different sections and there is a jersey for each one and it would be a great pride to wear one. Yellow = winner of that stage or overall winner. Green= The best sprinter Poka Dot= Races best climber and finally White= Highest ranked rider under 25. There are also teams in the Tour De France and all of a team wear the same coloured bib and they all try and encourage each other and be supportive. Also there is bibs(these are just like the jerseys) and a red bib represents the most aggressive rider.

Tour De France Today

The Tour De France today is a bicycle race that passes through nearby countries and tests your endurance. It is approximately 3520 km and of course you have to defeat the weather conditions. Did you know the length of the Tour De France is about the same as the distance from New York to Las Vegas. And of course for health and safety reasons there are many vehicles that follow the bikers for if any of them crack (which means they get so exhausted that they have to stop) there will be people there to help them. Also after the first ever race in 1903 night riding has been banned as there was continuous cheating as the judges could not see.

Thank You For Watching!

- I really hope that you have learnt a lot more about the Tour De France!

