

## **Chris Froome Wins Tour De France 2013**

Christopher Froome, the Kenyan-born British professional road racing cyclist who rides for UCI ProTeam Team Sky, has won the [Tour de France 2013](#). Froome became the hot favorite to bring home the honors after Bradley Wiggins pulled out of this year's race through injury.

Froome vowed his victory wouldn't be stripped for doping as were of Lance Armstrong and added that this is one yellow jersey that will stand the test of time. The rider said he has also believed in people who have turned out to be cheats and liars but assured everyone that he is not a cheat. Chris Froome had to ride through a barrage of doubt and skepticism, especially since his strength in the mountains and time trials reminded some cycling lovers of Armstrong and the way he and his team used to suffocate the race.

Froome hugged his Team Sky manager Chris Brailsford first and the pair were very close to tears. The rider toasted his Team Sky colleagues in an accompanying car and remarked it is difficult for him to put it into words and the race has been a fight every single day. The British rider who dominated rivals over three weeks on the road became the second British in succession to win the Tour after Bradley Wiggins in 2012. He dedicated his victory to his late mother, Jane, who died in 2008 and remarked he would probably be at home watching on TV without her encouragement to follow his dreams.

After this win, Froome remarked to win the 100th edition is an honor beyond any he had dreamed and the rider was soon joined by five-time winners Eddy Merckx, Bernard Hinault, and Miguel Indurain on the podium. Olympic gold medalist Victoria Pendleton praised the efforts of Chris Froome, calling him an "absolutely phenomenal athlete".

[Chris Froome](#), Nairo Quintana, and Joaquim Rodriguez -- who were the 100th edition's podium finisher -- have never failed a drug test or been directly implicated in any of cycling doping scandals, a notable departure both from the Armstrong era.

Froome turned professional in 2007 at the age of 22 with Team Konica Minolta and moved to Team Sky in 2010. In October 2009, Froome represented England at the 2010 Commonwealth Games, in Delhi, coming fifth in the time trial. He made his breakthrough as a Grand Tour contender during the 2011 Vuelta a España where he finished second overall. At the 2012 Tour de France, Froome riding as a domestique for Bradley Wiggins, won stage seven that culminated on a steep uphill finish and finished second overall, behind only the win of Bradley Wiggins in the same race as the best British performance in the history of Tour de France. Froome also won the

bronze medal in the time trial event at the Olympic Games and finished fourth in the Vuelta a España in 2012. The rider's first stage race win came in 2013, in the Tour of Oman, followed by wins in the Criterium International, the Tour de Romandie, the Critérium du Dauphiné, and the Tour de France.