

Jakob Fuglsang May Leave Astana

Danish rider Jakob Fuglsang has hinted that he may leave Team Astana if the professional road bicycle racing team sponsored by the Samruk-Kazyna loses [WorldTour licence](#) over doping cases.

Fuglsang was making this comment after three of his Astana teammates were announced as having tested positive in the past five and a half weeks. The Danish rider remarked such incidents are not good for his reputation and added such events are also not good of what people think about him. Fuglsang remarked he does not want anything to do with doping, and so we must hope that everything will be under control from now on and there will be no more cases and also added that there are no more on the team, who are trying to cheat the system.

On September 10, it was confirmed by the world governing body of cycling that Team Astana's rider Valentin Iglinskiy had undergone a doping test and the A sample had revealed traces of Erythropoietin (EPO). Valentin waived the right to have his B sample tested and was fired from the Astana team. In a statement, Team Astana remarked Valentin has admitted to using prohibited substances on his own initiative and independently, without any consultation from the Astana Pro Team staff. The team statement reads in its wish for full transparency, Astana Pro Team has refused to defend a rider who failed to respect the rules and ethics as stipulated in his contract and who has failed to behave in a manner consistent with other riders in his team and within professional cycling.

The 30-year-old is a past winner of stages in races such as the Tour of Qinghai Lake, the Tour of Bulgaria, the Presidential Tour of Turkey and the Tour du Loir et Cher, and took the overall classification in the Tour of Hainan in both 2010 and 2011.

On October 1, it was revealed by the UCI's list of provisionally suspended riders that Valentin's elder brother [Maxim Iglinskiy](#) had also failed an A sample test for EPO.

Recently, Ilya Davidenok of Team Astana returned an Adverse Analytical Finding for [anabolic androgenic steroids](#).

After the third positive test, the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) said it will ask its License Commission to undertake a full review of the management and anti-doping policies of the Astana Pro Team. The statement reads this follows the serious concerns raised by the fact that two Astana riders, Maxim and Valentin Iglinskiy recently tested positive for EPO and the notification this week that Ilya Davidenok has returned an Adverse Analytical Finding for anabolic androgenic steroids in a sample collected at the Tour de l'Avenir on 28th August 2014.

The UCI statement also revealed that Ilya Davidenok has ridden from 1st January 2012 to date for Continental Team Astana and since 1st August 2014 has also been a stagiaire with Astana Pro Team and added that the rider has the right to request analysis of the B sample and in accordance with UCI Anti-doping Rules has been provisionally suspended until the adjudication of the matter and at this stage of the procedure, the UCI will not comment any further on this individual case.