

Armstrong and Wiens' 100-Mile Duel in Leadville 2008 Video

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EXCLUSIVE! Seven time Tour de France champ vs the five time Leadville 100 winner. Who will be victorious? Witness the race blow by blow!

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Lance jokes about the early 6:30 a.m. start.

Jake Rubelt, Max Taam and Dave Wiens before the gun.

Jake Rubelt breaks away early. 15 miles into the race.

Lead group chases

Armstrong tucked in at the back

Manuel Prado is first down Powerline

Followed by Rubelt

Wiens leads the charge

Back on the road, Armstrong sets the pace

Hammer time!

Wiens and Armstrong off the front on Columbine, Wiens sets the pace

Lance at 12,000 feet with 55 miles to go

Above treeline on Columbine

The Cobra climb. Wiens dismounts

"Hey Dave, did Floyd hike this too?"

35 miles to go.

Top of the Cobra

Go Lance!

Up next: Powerline!

The dynamic duo attack Leadville's nastiest climb: Powerline

LA sets the pace

Only about 30 miles to go Lance!

This will be the first time 5 time defending champion Wiens will ride the entire Powerline climb without dismounting

Riding the entire climb was Lance's idea

And who is going to argue with Lance?

Turquoise Lake road climb. 12 miles to go

Not a French fry. Armstrong holding glasses with his mouth as he wipes the sweat from his brow.

LA moments before throwing in the towel. 10 miles to go

Wiens takes the day with a record breaking 6:45:45

Congratulated by wife, fellow Mountain Bike Hall of Fame member Susan De Mattei

Where is Lance?

Armstrong finishes second at 6:47:41

With a little scratch on his left forearm

Armstrong congratulating the winner

Lance says he'll be back. But not without training.

Leadville 100 Top 17:

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1. Dave Wiens 6:45:45

2. Lance Armstrong 6:47:41

3. Manuel Prado 7:20:52

4. Ethan Passant 7:27:54

5. Jonathan Scholnick 7:30:16

6. Max Taam 7:32:26

7. Nate Whitman 7:39:14

8. Jim Lehman 7:39:55

9. Kevin Andrews 7:44:18

10. Kimo Seymour 7:43:31
11. Jake Rubelt 7:44:31

12. Chuck Gibson 7:44:31

13. Dax Massey 7:45:54

14. Garth Prosser 7:48:52

15. Jim Silverman 7:49:21

16. Ted MacBlane 7:49:37

17. Joel Mischke 7:51:27

Race notes:

This is the sixth win in a row for Wiens at Leadville.

The pack of 10 or so stayed together until about halfway up the Columbine climb — which reaches 12,600 ft and is the halfway point of the race's out and back course. As the climb steepened, Armstrong pushed the pace. Only Wiens could hang. Soon the two had a five minute gap over third place Manuel Prado. The gap grew to more than 20 minutes after 80 miles, and by the finish, the gap was over 30 minutes.

For 50 miles, the two stuck together. Wiens said he was taking the downhills easy, while Armstrong was pushing the pace on the descents.

Wiens put a gap on Armstrong in the last off-road section.

"He said, 'I'm done, go,'" Wiens said. Wiens tried to urge the 7 time Tour de France winner to stay with him briefly, but Lance still got dropped. "It wasn't like he just stopped pedaling, though," Wiens said. "I'd look back and he'd still be there."

"At the end I realized I was totally cooked ... I haven't done a 7-hour ride in four and half years."

Armstrong said he had a great time. Even though he had a little skin loss on his left arm from a fall in the last few remaining miles.

"I just overcooked it into a soft corner," he said.

Manuel Prado of Lake Forest, California, was third about a half hour behind Armstrong.

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