



## AMBER NEBEN

**Birthdate** 2-18-74

**Height** 5'4"

**Weight** 115 lbs

**Place of Birth** Irvine, Calif.

**Hometown** Irvine, Calif.

**Residence** Irvine, Calif.

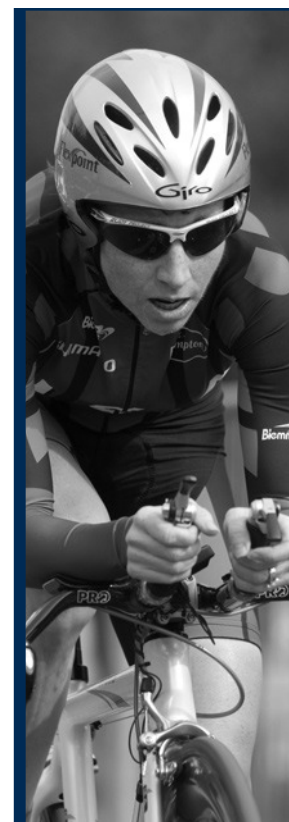
**Pro Team/Sponsors** Team Flexpoint (NED)

**Education** University of Nebraska (B.S. Biology), University of California-Irvine (M.S. Biology)

**Website/Blog** [www.amberneben.com](http://www.amberneben.com)

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2003 USA Cycling National Road Race Champion
- 1st place – 2006 Pan American Championships, Time Trial
- 1st place – 2005 Tour de l'Aude Cycliste Féminin
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- 1st place – 2007 La Route de France Féminin
- 1st place – 2003 Le Tour du Grand Montreal
- 2nd place – 2007 International Thüringen Rundfahrt der Frauen
- 3rd place – 2007 Giro di San Marino
- 4th place – 2007 La Flèche Wallonne Féminine UCI World Cup
- 4th place – 2005 Giro d'Italia Femminile
- 4th place – 2007 UCI Road World Championships, Time Trial
- 5th place – 2005 UCI Road World Championships, Time Trial



### PERSONAL

A two-time winner of the world's most prestigious women's stage race in the world, the Tour de l'Aude Feminin in France, Amber Neben has made her mark on the sport as one of the United States' most successful American cyclists of the last decade. As one of the few U.S. riders with a long-standing spot on a European team, she's helped pave the way for future American women.

As a teenager, Amber was active as a soccer, track and field and cross country athlete. Following her 1993 graduation from Orange County's Lutheran High School, she accepted a scholarship from the University of Nebraska where she competed in cross country and received an undergraduate degree in Biology. While a collegiate distance runner at Nebraska, Amber suffered from a stress fracture during her sophomore year – an injury that brought an end to her competitive running career. She remained involved with the program as an undergraduate assistant coach before buying her first mountain bike in 1997. After a strong performance at the 1998 USA Cycling Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships, Amber became an elite off-road cyclist. In 2001, she entered the Hewlett Packard

Women's Challenge in Idaho, one of the most grueling and prestigious women's stage races in the world. A win in stage eight earned her a trip to represent the U.S. at the UCI Road World Championships and her transition from a mountain biker to a road cyclist was complete.

When she's not racing, Amber enjoys watching sports, hiking, golfing, reading and spending time with her husband Jason.

### POINTS OF INTEREST

- Like another world-class cyclist, Amber overcame a form of cancer. In October of 2007, Amber was treated for melanoma and has since fully recovered.
- Amber entered a Molecular Biology, Genetics and Biochemistry Ph.D. program at UC-Irvine but left to pursue a career as a professional cyclist.

