

CHRISTIAN VANDE VELDE

Birthdate 5-22-76

Height 5'11"

Weight 150 lbs

Place of Birth Lemont, Ill.

Hometown Lemont, Ill.

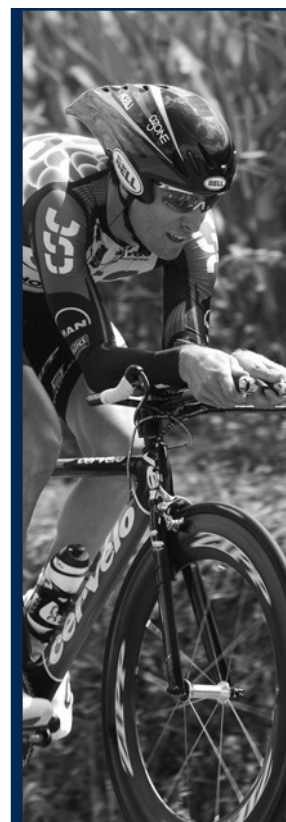
Residence Boulder, Colo.

Pro Team/Sponsors Slipstream/
Chipotle presented by H30 (USA)

Olympic Experience 2000 (12th,
men's individual pursuit)

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 1st place – 1999 Redlands Bicycle Classic
- 1st place – 2006 Tour de Luxembourg
- 1st place – 2008 Circuit Cycliste Sarthe, Stage 2
- 2nd place – 2007 Tour de Georgia
- 2nd place – 2008 Circuit Cycliste Sarthe
- 3rd place – 2006 Tour de France, Stage 14
- 3rd place – 2006 Tour de Luxembourg, Stage 2
- 3rd place – 2008 Tour of California
- 4th place – 2001 Three days of de Panne
- 5th place – 2001 Tour of Valencia
- 6th place – 2007 Tour of California
- 9th place – 2002 Vuelta a España, Stage 10
- 24th place – 2006 Tour de France
- 25th place – 2007 Tour de France



PERSONAL

A five-time Tour de France veteran and participant in the 2000 Olympic Games on the track, Christian Vande Velde has recently emerged as a team leader after spending years in a support role for notable riders such as Lance Armstrong. Vande Velde was a key contributor to two of Armstrong's seven victories as a member of the U.S. Postal Service squad in 1999 and 2001.

Christian comes from a cycling family and is already a second-generation Olympian. His father John, a 1994 inductee of the U.S. Bicycling Hall of Fame, competed in the team pursuit at the 1968 Games in Mexico City and both the team and individual pursuits at the 1972 Games in Munich. After graduating high school in 1994 where he also competed in golf and wrestling, Christian followed a path to professional cycling and found success as one of the top U.S. track riders. After earning a spot on the U.S. Team for the 1994 World Championships and the 1995 Pan Am Games, Christian spent time as a resident athlete at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. After a successful season in 1996, he was offered a spot on the U.S. Postal squad and soon became a solid, yet unsung domestique

in the European peloton. After racing for other major teams such as Liberty Seguros (ESP) and Team CSC (DEN), Christian returned stateside to the U.S.-based Slipstream/Chipotle team for 2008 as one of the team's leaders.

POINTS OF INTEREST

- In 1999, Christian wore the white jersey in the Tour de France as the Best Young Rider. Along with George Hincapie in 1998, he's only the second American in history to claim that distinction.
- Christian's sister Marisa was also a competitive track cyclist and was an Olympic hopeful for the 2000 Olympic Games.

