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## American Cycling Timeline

### **1896**

Cycling was one of the nine sports included at the first modern Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

### **1899**

Marshall "Major" Taylor won the world one-mile track cycling championships, becoming the second African-American in history to win a world championship (after boxer George Dixon).

### **1900**

The U.S. took its first Olympic cycling medal when John Henry Lake placed third in the 25-kilometer race at the Paris Olympic Games.

### **1912**

The UCI World Championships were held at the Newark Velodrome in Newark, NJ.

### **1940**

Bike shop owner and pro racer Fred "Pop" Kugler started the Tour of Somerville, which has been held every year since (except from 1943-1946 due to WWII).

### **1969**

BMX racing is born in Southern California.

### **1977**

The mountain bike is born in Northern California.

### **1981**

Jonathan Boyer became the first American to race in the Tour de France.

### **1984**

The U.S. went 1-2 in the inaugural Olympic women's road race with Connie Carpenter-Phinney outsprinting perennial rival Rebecca Twigg.

American Marianne Martin wins the very first Tour Cycliste Feminin, the "Women's Tour de France."

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### **1986**

Greg LeMond became the first American to win the Tour de France, a feat he would accomplish a total of three times.

Davis Phinney became the first American to win a stage of the Tour de France.

The 7-Eleven professional cycling team became the first American pro cycling team to compete in the Tour de France.

### **1988**

Andy Hampsten became the first American to win the Giro d'Italia.

### **1990**

The first-ever UCI Mountain Bike World Championships took place in Durango, Colo.

### **1996**

Mountain Biking makes its Olympic debut at the Atlanta Games where American Susan Demattei won bronze in the women's cross country contest.

### **1999**

Lance Armstrong won the Tour de France for the first of seven times.

### **1999**

Inception of the USA Cycling National Development Team and its European base in Izegem, Belgium.

### **2004**

Inception of the USA Cycling National Mountain Bike Development Team.

### **2007**

USA Cycling opens its Women's European Residence Center in Lucca, Italy.

### **2008**

BMX makes its Olympic debut in Beijing with Americans Mike Day and Donny Robinson scoring the silver and bronze medals in the men's event and Jill Kintner winning bronze in the women's race.

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