

## Contador loses 2010 Tour de France title, banned for 2011, and a sad look at teams gone

And so it goes. I figured they'd give Contador a token 4 month suspension and take away his 2010 Tour de France victory, but I think he miscalculated and pushed his "innocence" too far. My guess is that he could have cut a deal early on, but went for broke. Maybe he could have skated free if not for the plasticizers they found in his blood (plasticizers being something you pick up from a blood bag during a transfusion, and there are no longer any legally-permissible reasons for transfusions short of one supervised by a doctor for medical conditions that must be documented and demonstrated to be extremely serious).

While looking through links on the [New York Times Contador article](#), I came across their Tour de France page here.

What's sad is to go through the links for the various teams (found well down the page, on the right-hand side), many of which are gone. For example-

At least they have a page saying good-bye. Many others simply go 404.