By The Associated Press
GENEVA — Lance Armstrong's name is coming out of cycling's record books.
Armstrong was stripped of his seven Tour de France titles and banned for life by cycling's governing body Monday following a report from the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency that accused him of leading a massive doping program on his teams.
UCI President Pat McQuaid announced that the federation accepted the USADA's report on Armstrong and would not appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.
In Paris, Tour director Christian Prudhomme said at a news conference he no longer considers Armstrong the seven-time champion of the race. Prudhomme called UCI's decision "totally logical" and said "Lance Armstrong is no longer the winner of the Tour de France from 1999-2005."
BASEBALL
SAN FRANCISCO — Hunter Pence hit a bizarre, two-run double, Matt Cain pitched his second clincher of October and the San Francisco Giants won their record-tying sixth elimination game of the postseason, beating the defending World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals 9-0 in Game 7 of the NL championship series.
Marco Scutaro matched an LCS record with 14 hits in the series to earn MVP honors and Pablo Sandoval drove in a run for his fifth straight game. The Giants returned to the World Series two years after winning it all, getting the final out in a downpour.
The Detroit Tigers, who have been waiting on their opponent since finishing a four-game ALCS sweep of the Yankees last Thursday, get another trip to the Bay Area after clinching the division series in Oakland.
PRO FOOTBALL
GREEN BAY, Wis. — Green Bay Packers safety Charles Woodson has a broken collarbone and will be out approximately six weeks.
Coach Mike McCarthy confirmed the severity of the injury a day after the team's 30-20 win at St. Louis.
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Marty Hurney was fired as general manager of the Carolina Panthers one day after star quarterback Cam Newton expressed his frustration with a 1-5 start.
The Panthers have the worst record in the NFC in a season that began with big expectations.
The dismissal came hours after Sunday's 19-14 loss to Dallas.
Hurney, the GM since 2002, took responsibility for the team's failures.
NEW YORK — The NFL will consider dropping the Pro Bowl if the level of play doesn't improve, Commissioner Roger Goodell said.
Appearing on SiriusXM NFL Radio's "Town Hall," Goodell agreed with host Michael Strahan that last January's Pro Bowl "was embarrassing."
The league still would select a Pro Bowl team through voting by players, coaches and fans, because it is an honor, but "just not play the game," he said.
METAIRIE, La. — Fresh off his seven-week bounty-related suspension, New Orleans interim coach Joe Vitt did not wait an extra second to rejoin the team — in Florida.
After watching Sunday's game from an undisclosed location in the Tampa area, he flew back to New Orleans with the Saints after they beat the Buccaneers 35-28 in a game Vitt was barred from attending.
On Monday, he said his suspension was excruciating.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Brady Quinn will take over as the Kansas City Chiefs' starting quarterback and Matt Cassel will serve as the backup beginning with Sunday's game against the Oakland Raiders.

Chiefs coach Romeo Crennel made the announcement before practice, shortly after meeting with the team that is off to a miserable 1-5 start. Both quarterbacks were informed of the change earlier in the day.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

LARAMIE, Wyo. — Wyoming coach Dave Christensen was suspended one week and fined $50,000 for his actions following an Oct. 13 loss to Air Force.

Athletic director Tom Burman said that it's important to send the right message to the team about taking responsibility for your actions.

Christensen confronted Falcons coach Troy Calhoun on the field after Air Force's 28-27 victory.

MOSCOW, Idaho — Two years ago, Jason Gesser was coaching a high school football team. Monday, he was introduced as the interim head coach at Idaho.

Gesser, 33, will coach the Vandals in their remaining four games, replacing Robb Akey, who was fired Sunday. Gesser said he would like to be considered for the permanent job.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Defending national champion Kentucky is the preseason favorite to win the Southeastern Conference title.

The Wildcats received 17 of the 24 first-place votes in balloting by a panel of media members despite losing six NBA draft picks, including national player of the year and No. 1 selection Anthony Davis.

PRO BASKETBALL

NEW YORK — NBA general managers are predicting the Miami Heat to repeat as NBA champions and LeBron James to win another MVP award.

The GMs gave high marks to the Los Angeles Lakers' moves and picked them to win the Western Conference, but the Heat got 70 percent of the votes to win the 2013 championship.

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Kobe Bryant skipped the Los Angeles Lakers' practice to rest his aching right foot.

Bryant was injured during the third quarter of the Lakers' 99-92 preseason loss to Sacramento on Sunday night. He stayed in the game and scored 21 points.

TENNIS

BASEL, Switzerland — Roger Federer eased to victory in the first round of his hometown Swiss Indoors event, beating Germany's Benjamin Becker 7-5, 6-3.

VALENCIA, Spain — Former No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt beat Juan Monaco of Argentina 6-3, 6-4 in the opening round of the Valencia Open, ending a 10-match losing run against top-10 opponents.

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