Can *corruption* derail the testing system?

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*corruption* (*noun*). An act done with an intent to give some advantage inconsistent with the official duty and rights of others.
Collection

Analysis

Results
OAKA ANTI-DOPING (TRANSFUSIONS) XL1 ANALYZER

Sample Info

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- Flows: 00000000
- V Type: F0000
- File Size: 4000

- Document: A0000
- Heater: F0000
- Panel: F0000
- Protocol: F0000
- Product: F0000
- Pump: F0000
- Recorder: F0000
- Software: F0000
- System: F0000

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Athlete influence?

Sylvia Schenk (former UCI member)
• "There is obviously a strong relationship with Armstrong," Schenk added. "The UCI took a lot of money from Armstrong - to my knowledge 500,000 dollars - and now there is speculation that there are financial connections to Armstrong, as well as the American market."

- Velonews, Sept 2005

Bill Stapleton (agent/manager)
• He -- yes, he gave a donation to the UCI three or four years ago. I think he's done that maybe once or twice, with a -- with a request to refine the -- I believe -- we'd need to look at the letter, but I believe it was to further do research into the EPO test.

-deposition, Sept 2005
Athlete influence?

Hein Verbruggen (former UCI President, IOC member)

• Confirmed that Armstrong sponsored UCI antidoping investigations
• Confirmed Armstrong paid for the UCI’s new blood testing instrument

-Dutch TV 2 interview with Mart Smeets (see Cyclingnews 1 July 2005)

Sysmex (instrument manufacturer)

• “Mr. Armstrong recommended that the XE-2100 be used in these tests, and personally financed UCI's purchase of the required XE-2100.”

-Sysmex press release July 2005
TABLEAU DES COUREURS A CONTROLER

Tour de France 18ème et Bati 24-07-04

Le Vainqueur de l'Etape

Le Leader du Classement Général après l'Etape

Dernier

1534 108 Michael Rogers USA
1530 25 Vladimir Karpets RUS
1526 149 Thomas Voeckler FRA
1619 181 Levi Leipheimer USA
1619 11 Jan Ullrich
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J.V. Gestel.
Q. Okay. How much did you give?
A. I think 25,000.
Q. You say you think. Do you –
A. Yeah, I say I think because I'm not 100 percent sure.
Q. Would it be within a range of that, though, if you're -- I mean, it wouldn't be like --
A. Well, it wouldn't be --
Q. -- 200,000 --
A. No.
Q. -- or 150,000?
A. No.
Q. I mean, it could be 30 or 40, or it could be 20, is what I'm asking.
A. It could be. I don't think it's that. But I think it's no more than 30.

‒Lance Armstrong deposition, 1 November 2005
Q. Okay. Do you know what UCI did with the money?
A. I don't know.
Q. Okay. Like they didn't buy some specific equipment or something with it that you're aware of? It wasn't earmarked --
A. Which part of I don't know do you not understand?
Q. You have no idea who you called, and just -- you just sent a check for $25,000 to the UCI. You can't remember why you did it, or who you talked to, or what it was for.
A. You asked me again what have they done with the money, and I said I don't know.

-Lance Armstrong deposition, 1 November 2005
Lance Armstrong (deposition)

Q. Were you concerned at all when you made your contribution to the UCI that other cyclists or members of the cycling public might take it the wrong way?

A. No.

Q. Are you aware of any other professional cyclists who's given money to UCI?

A. I don't know. I'm not aware. Personally, I think there should be -- I think everybody should contribute to the fund.

Hein Verbruggen (quote)

(When asked if UCI would turn blind eye):

"Get the hell out of here, idiot!", I told him. Luckily I could restrain myself a bit, otherwise I would really let fly. I'm not good with such people. This initiative deserves nothing but praise and respect."