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15th EDITION OF L'ÉTAPE DU TOUR
FOIX / LOUDENVIELLE
MONDAY 16th OF JULY 2007

The **2007 ÉTAPE DU TOUR** will once again be an occasion for close to 8 500 keen amateurs to compete with the best.

For this next edition, the big date will be on **Monday the 16th of July 2007**. It'll concern one of the toughest stages of the 2007 TOUR DE FRANCE: **FOIX / LOUDENVIELLE**.

After the Alps, it'll indeed be the turn of the Ariège, Haute Garonne and Hautes Pyrénées areas to welcome the 15th edition of the biggest cyclo-sporting event of France. FOIX, prefecture of the Ariège area, will be the place from where the competitors will take off to reach, after a 202 km course, the city of LOUDENVIELLE, a favoured site for cyclotourism, climbing and hiking.

This stage will be rich and intense on a course designed for the elite of World cycling. The most eager amateurs will all be present to try and handle the biggest difficulties and no less than 5 tough climbs on the day: the Col de Port (1 249 m), the Col de Portet d'Aspet (1 069m), the Col de Menté (1 349 m), the Col du Port de Balès (1 755m), the Col de Peyresourde (1 569 m).

Like for the previous years, the "Village Accueil" (welcome village) will be open on Saturday the 14th and Sunday the 15th of July in FOIX in order to welcome all the competitors. Each one will be able to get his bib number and all the necessary information on the race.

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