London hosts start of Tour de France For the first time in its 100-year history the world's biggest annual sporting event will start in London, Britain will host two stages - a prologue in its capital, and the first stage. starting in London and ending in Canterbury PROLOGUE, July 7 Length: 7.9km Hyde Park Start: Whitehall Serpentine Road Finish: The Mall Green Park Hvde St. James's West Carriage Park Park Drive Corner Big CENTRAL LONDON Ben Buckingham Palace RIVER THAMES ___ Erith Dartford Climb Sprint Westminster Start: London **STAGE ONE, July 8** Lenath: 203km Greenwich Gravesend Woolwich Medway **KENT** Finish: Maidstone Canterbury Ashford Tonbridge UK Royal Tenterden **Tunbridge Wells** © GRAPHIC NEWS Source: Le Tour Pictures: Associated Press