



Race Riders Quote Sheet Compiled After Stage 2 of the Amgen Tour of California

Rafal Majka, BORA-hansgrohe

(On getting his first Amgen Tour of California Win) “I remember riding here in 2011, which was my first year as a pro, and now I’m so happy to win this stage, not only for me but also my teammates. We have a really nice group at the front with strong riders... We went fast to the end.”

George Bennett, Team LottoNL-Jumbo

(On the move to the front of the pack) “A week ago we decided that today we were going to race hard. We’ve got a really young and motivated team. We put the boys on the front at the bottom of Mount Hamilton and took the race by the balls, and we really had people in a tough spot... The boys rode their hearts out and they’re excited about it.”

(On his key attack from far out) “You have to look at the terrain. It was 50k to go, but if it was a valley and a head wind then you’d never make it, but when it’s like that, I mean that downhill was pretty loose. We went with full ambition, and we wanted to really shake it up... and we did, and it paid off.”

Lachlan Morton, Team Dimension Data

(On the race today) “There’s two ways that a race can go on a course like this. When George [Bennett] put his guys on the front, we knew it was going to sort of blow up, so credit him for initiating that move. That’s the sort of move I always like to make, so nice when someone else kind of does it for you. When I saw him go, I thought ‘yeah, I’ll definitely have a crack at that’.”

Regarding Toms Skujiņš, Cannondale-Drpac Pro Cycling issued the following statement earlier this evening: “Tom Skujiņš sustained a concussion, broken left collarbone and road rash in a crash during the Amgen Tour of California's second stage. Medical evaluation is ongoing. Skujiņš is now in our internal concussion protocol, meaning he will work closely with our medical staff while following a “return to play” program that puts his health above all else.”

About the Amgen Tour of California

The Amgen Tour of California is a Tour de France-style cycling road race created and presented by AEG that challenges the world's top professional cycling teams to compete along a demanding course that traverses hundreds of miles of California's iconic highways, byways and coastlines each spring. The teams chosen to participate include Olympic medalists, Tour de France contenders and World Champions. The Amgen Tour of California is part of the UCI WorldTour and awards important, world-ranking points to the top finishers. More information is available at amgentourofcalifornia.com.