



Race Riders Quote Sheet Compiled After Stage 4 of the Amgen Tour of California

Evan Huffman, Rally Cycling

“Today on paper looked like a sprint day, but we didn’t want it to be one, so we were really aggressive from the start, and put two of our strongest guys on the team, me and Rob, on the break. It was really hard, we were in a little bit of a tactical battle with UHC (UnitedHealthcare Pro Cycling) for the KOM points. They were trying to chase us down, and we rode that first climb really hard. Basically we had to make an agreement with Gavin (Mannion, UHC) that we were going to let him take some of the points so he would work with us....in the end it worked out for us obviously winning the stage, but it was a hard day. We pretty much had to ride a flat out team time trial all the way to the finish.”

(On winning in his home state): “It’s incredible. Last year was a really awesome race for me here, and probably a breakthrough performance even, and to come back and top it is really satisfying.”

Rob Britton, Rally Cycling

“After Stage 2 we kind of had to go back to the drawing board. We lost our sprinter, GC and pretty much any hope of the KOM in one day, so today was pretty much the best possible outcome for what we hoped to accomplish with what was left of the race.”

(On whether he thought Evan was going to fade): “No. It’s always hard to tell just how tired the group is. We were all very invested the whole day, so you just remind yourself of those junior days, if you’re hurting everyone is hurting just as much....Evan got that gap, I know what kind of power he has. You watched, and 300 to go, 250, 200, 100, and the Sunweb guy (Lennard Hofstede) sat up just for a second, I don’t know if he thought I was going to come around, but just watched him sit up, and he tried to go again, and I think that sealed it. When he sat up and tried to re-accelerate, that was it. When he started to get a bit closer to Evan I just came around him, just in case he did catch him.”

Daniel Alexander Jaramillo, UnitedHealthcare Pro Cycling Team

“The goal for us today was to get me in the breakaway so I could get some points for the KOM classification. In the end I wasn’t able to go there, but my teammate (Professional Continental Team UnitedHealthcare Pro Cycling’s **Gavin Mannion**) was, so I decided to save some energy by riding in the second group.”

(On preparing for tomorrow’s climb): “Tomorrow is the hardest stage of this race, so we want to have a good day, as well as to fight for the KOM classification for myself and also to have Janier (Alexis Acevedo Calle), who is the best classified rider on our team, to go for the GC.”

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.