



Race Riders Quote Sheet Compiled After Stage 5 of the Amgen Tour of California

Andrew Talansky, Cannondale-Drpac Pro Cycling Team

“Once we were inside that last kilometer, I have a pretty good sprint, so I thought about winning the stage rather than just continuing to attack, and that worked out pretty well. I do know this finish, which was definitely an advantage, so it worked out.”

(On Cannondale’s first World Tour win in a few years) “To the immediate team that’s here, I know that everyone is overjoyed. I said it up on the stage, but my form as far as everyone else is concerned, is a bit of an unknowing coming into this. The guys put full trust and full belief in me, even after losing a bit of time on Mount Hamilton. Brendan Canty saved my day yesterday; I could have been a minute back after that flat at a bad time. For the team as a whole I think it’s great. Hopefully this is the start of some positive momentum heading toward the summer, toward Dauphine, toward the Tour de France, and for everything.”

Rafal Majka, BORA-hansgrohe

“It’s the first time I did this finish, and it’s not easy. In the end, second place is also great, and I still keep the yellow jersey, and we took some times from other riders, and tomorrow is the time trial, and I have some seconds. 24 kilometers is not easy, and it’s a little bit different when you start that distance at 2000 meters (elevation).”

Rob Britton, Rally Cycling

On being in the lead out for two days in a row “After Stage 2 we went back to the drawing board. I was targeting today as the day I wanted to go up the road. I’ve been in the break on this stage before, back in 2010, but after yesterday I wasn’t so sure how it was going to play out...but yeah, I followed the right wheels at the start and I had a crack going up the mountain.”

(On staying out in front by himself) “Yeah, that was pretty unpleasant. I was getting fed up in the group. You could tell the majority of the guys were there to help their GC guys. I know Glendora Mountain road pretty well from training races, so once I jumped I just settled into a rather uncomfortable TT pace, and tried to hold it as long as I could and hoped the winds wouldn’t be too bad at the top.”

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.