



Race Participants Quote Sheet Compiled After Women's Opening Press Conference

Megan Guarnier, USA Cycling Team

On why she is excited to return this year:

“The crowds. The people that come out and cheer for the race, and it doesn't matter where they are from, they're just out there and they cheer. It's like you're in a football stadium, just transferred out onto the road.”

Kasia Niewiadoma, CANYON//SRAM Racing

“This is my first time here, so I'm pretty excited, because I feel like I come into this race with many unknowns, I don't know how my body is going to react, so I am curious and we're going to see what happens...I am ready to race.”

Chloe Dygert, TWENTY20 Pro Cycling p/b Sho-Air

On coming back from a season on the track:

“It's been fun. Last year I had an injury, so I didn't race a lot on the road so I wasn't looking forward to the road season at the beginning of the year, but with the success that we had with our team, it really brought the joy to road racing for me, and I'm really looking forward to this race.”

Coryn Rivera, Team Sunweb

On what this year looks like for her team:

“The harder the better for us. We're here with a strong team, a young team and we're excited to kick it off tomorrow here in Elk Grove. This is the stage that I had won last year, looking forward to being back and getting the race started...just excited to race at home.”

Katie Hall, UnitedHealthcare Pro Cycling Team

“I have a lot of confidence in myself, I've had a good spring, but also feel like I haven't gone up against any of these girls yet, so a lot of unknown having everybody over from Europe to race here. I think it will be a really fun, hard day in Tahoe.”

Emma White, Rally Cycling

“I'm so excited. I've been lucky enough to be here for the past two years and it's always just such a fun experience. The Amgen Tour of California does it right too. It's so much fun to be here, the crowds are amazing. It always just brings an extra energy and we've got a great team here this year, so I'm really excited to see what we can pull together.”

Kristen Armstrong, Race Ambassador, Performance Director for USA Cycling

On how women's cycling has changed

"The number one thing that I want to stress is at some point we have to give ourselves a little credit. I think in life, we tend to go to work every day and we push and we push for more, but if I were to look 10 years ago and see where this sport has come today, it's absolutely amazing where it's come. During my first races there weren't opportunities to race with women, and now there are choices."

Kristin Klein, race president and executive vice president of AEG Sports

"This is one of my favorite moments of the week because it's such a great reminder of what dreams and hard work can do. The women in the room, some who have come from first careers, some who have come into cycling young as opportunities for women were expanding, are such an inspiration. They do this for the love of the sport, to push themselves and for the deep dedication to their teams to be the best.."

"We always say that it's an honor to host the very best in the world, on a course that shows off the very best of our state."

Mayor of Elk Grove, Steve Lee

"We are looking forward to a wonderful race tomorrow. I think this is really an opportunity to double what we did last year, and the one thing I'm very excited about is that we have the women's start and finish here, so that's something that definitely puts Elk Grove on the map."