



Race Riders Quote Sheet Compiled After  
Stage 5 of the Amgen Tour of California &  
Stage 1 of the Amgen Tour of Women's Race empowered with SRAM

**Fernando Gaviria, Quick-Step Floors**

"They (legs are) feeling really good. It was a really fast race, a fast stage, sometimes a tailwind in the final. Really crazy. One crash 2K's to go and 4K's to go, but I go on the right side and left side of the crash, so for me no problems. The last K was really fast, and I'm happy because my teammates did a really great job for me, and I'm really happy to take the victory."

**Tejay van Garderen, BMC Racing Team**

"Today was a pretty straightforward day. It was more about conserving energy and staying safe. It got a little hectic there in the final, and I had to just stay glued to my teammates' wheels. They did a good job protecting me, and now it's all systems go for the stage tomorrow for Tahoe."

*On tomorrow's stage:*

"First of all, I think the breakaway will not roll off the line like you've seen it do the past few days. I'll bet it will be a hard breakaway to get into, just attrition-wise, and then the final climb heading up into Tahoe I expect (Egan) Bernal and a lot of the other climbers will try to attack and win the race there."

**Caleb Ewan, Mitchelton-SCOTT**

"It was a pretty straightforward stage. It was pretty boring most of the day, just kind of riding along at a little bit of an uncomfortable tempo. I think with maybe 30k's to go there was a chance of crosswinds so it became a bit more nervous in the bunch. Then I think with about 10k's to go I punctured, so that was not ideal, and then we had to use some guys early to go back to the bunch, so that kind of ruined our lead out a little bit, but they got me into a good position to do the sprint, so I was happy with that."

**Kendall Ryan, Team TIBCO-Silicon Valley Bank**

“It was a huge opportunity to just be here. It’s my first time ever wearing the yellow jersey, so that’s an awesome thing. Also, a WorldTour race was one of my dreams to win, so I’m just kind of blown away right now, and at a loss for words, to be sitting here with these legends.” (Caleb Ewen, Tejay Van Garderen and Fernando Gaviria)

*On the last kilometer of the race:*

“The last K and a half I told my team we need to line up on the right side, so we were drag racing with Wiggle (High5 Pro Cycling Team), and we positioned ourselves on the right-hand side of the group, and my girls just kept me up there, and they just peeled off out of the way and kept me in position until they had nothing left, and my last teammate Ingrid (Drexel Clouthier) dropped me off right in the sprint, and just managed to wiggle my way through, and popped out at the right moment when Emma White (Rally Cycling) went on the left side, and I slipstreamed her draft and just popped around her right at the line, and just screamed really loud.”