



Quotes Compiled After Stage 6 of the Amgen Tour of California and Stage 2 of the Amgen Tour of California Women's Race empowered with SRAM

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Tadej Pogacar, UAE Team Emirates, New Race Leader – “This stage was amazing. The last climb I thought was really good. I followed the attacks. When (Sergio) Higuita attacked I tried to follow but I couldn't quite be on his wheel....In the last 2km I caught him, and we sprinted to the line, and I'm so happy that I got the stage win here.”

(On Grand Tour plans in the near future) – “Soon yes, but not this year...probably next year maybe the Vuelta (a España) or Giro (d'Italia).”

(On Maximillian Schachmann being out front and taking the lead) – “When Schachmann was on the attack the pace in the peloton was pretty high, so I was not really concerned because he was quite a long way alone in the front, so we just rode tempo and we soon caught him.”

Davide Ballerini, Astana Pro Team, KOM Leader - “It's a very hard stage for me because I'm not a climber. I go on the breakaway for two days and I take this jersey. I'm really happy and tomorrow the last stage is good. We'll try to do the best.”

Mikkel Bjerg, Hagens Berman Axeon Cycling Team – “My break was really hard. I really wanted to be in the break yesterday, and I spent a lot of energy trying to get in the break and I didn't quite make it, so today was all in or nothing, and I made it to the break, and I just tried to last as long as possible.”

Anna van der Breggen, Boels Dolmans Cycling Team, Women's Race Leader – “We were both (Hall) ready for this race. It's a tough race with three stages with a lot of climbs so it suits us. We were both looking forward to it. The good thing of climbing is there is not much tactics....you cannot hide, you need to have good legs. It's really fair racing, and today getting one and two is really nice for Katie and for me and for the team also.”

(On having Katie on her team) – “It's really special, and nice to have Katie. Three years before this, we were fighting against each other and I beat Katie with only one second. It's nice to talk

about that period now. One year you're fighting against each other and one year you can do it together, and I think that's a really nice thing of cycling."

Katie Hall, Boels Dolmans Cycling Team, Stage 2 Winner – "I wanted to win this stage, but I didn't know if it was possible. When we hit Mt. Baldy Road, they said 'Shapira is out in front, so pick up the pace,' and I picked up the pace, and we caught her, and went one-two."

(On working with Anna) – "I feel really happy to have her as my teammate and not my competitor because she's really, really strong. I think having her as a teammate gives me some opportunities too, and much easier to win as a team when you're racing with her and not against her."

Juliette Labous, Team Sunweb, Best Young Rider Leader – "We knew the final was super hard, and they [Boels Dolmans Cycling Team] was going to attack, but I really wanted to take my own rhythm because otherwise I could explode, so I just paced it correctly. I almost stayed at the same place the whole climb."