



## Quotes Compiled After Stage 2 of the Amgen Tour of California

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**Evan Huffman, Rally UHC Cycling, Breakaway from Cancer® Most Courageous Rider Jersey Winner** – “My plan was to get in the breakaway and go for the KOM points and maybe the stage, Davide was a little faster than me in the sprints so I did what I could and picked up some points. EF kept us on a really short leash so we tried to play around with them a little bit and sit up and go hard, but in the end they just brought us back whenever they wanted. So I was just trying to survive and pick up some points when I could and ended up in a little group.”

**Davide Ballerini, Astana Pro Team** – “It was a very, very hard stage. It was back in the first kilometer to breakaway but it’s not easy to go to the finish line. We tried to do the best but behind, EF pulled hard... in the final I didn’t have the legs to do the route.”

**Tejay van Garderen, EF Education First Pro Cycling, race leader** – “It feels great. It came as a bit of a surprise, I would have just assumed that Kasper would have taken the jersey on the back of the stage win...It was quite a surprise and I’m super happy and thrilled and honored to represent yellow.”

“We just want to race aggressive. We’re designed to race our bikes and animate the race, make the race, don’t get caught on the back foot and you know, just try to make the race happen. I think that’s what you saw today. Obviously now that we have the jersey we might get stuck in a little more of a defensive role, but even then we still have cards to play.”

“I’m always excited to come here. I’ve raced well here. Every year I’ve come here and I’ve even won it one year [2013]. It’s just a motivation being here in front of my home crowd.”

**Kasper Asgreen, Deceuninck – Quick-Step** – “It’s my first pro win, so I’m really, really happy right now. It’s huge for me. And to take it on a stage like this – I’m really happy with that.”