



Race Riders Quote Sheet Compiled After Stage 1 of the Amgen Tour of California

Fernando Gaviria, Quick-Step Floors

"My legs felt really good during the race. I'm happy to do a good job for my team, and we're happy to win the stage."

"I don't know if I'm surprised [about the win] as I've been training in my house....I tried to come back really strong in the (Tour de) Romandie, which is more difficult for the finished race because it's solid climbs. After that I went to Frankfurt and there the legs were better, and now I come back to the win, and I'm really happy for this."

Tanner Putt, UnitedHealthcare Pro Cycling Team

"First move of the day at kilometer zero. It was just me and a rider from [Holowesko|Citadel p/b Arapahoe Resources] and the plan was just to get myself in the break and try to take some of the sprint points, and just give the guys in the bunch a free ride for the day, so it was a long day."

"Once the field never gave us over two minutes, we knew that it was just a matter of time until they brought us back."

Caleb Ewan, Mitchelton-SCOTT

"It was a pretty straightforward race today... just some circuits. It was a pretty hectic finish because it wasn't too hard during the day, and it's the first stage so there's a lot up for grabs. My team did a great job and got me to where I needed to be to do the sprint. Congrats to Fernando who did a great sprint. It was a good day."

"When you go to different countries, like when we're in Australia, there's a lot of good sprinters there that you never race all year, and when you get to that country there are guys that are dominating in the States (for example). It's not really a surprise, but you don't know which ones are going to be good, which ones are going to be up there, and which ones are just going to be in your way."

On his team's lead-out compared to Fernando:

"I got dropped off where Fernando got dropped off. We came from maybe a little further back. Roger Kluge had a puncture, which wasn't ideal, and then he had to come back, so we were waiting into the middle of the bunch for him... we got there inside the last kilometer. As far as strength goes, they were definitely comparable today. We just got there a little too late, but they were definitely on par."