



Race Riders Quote Sheet Compiled After
Stage 6 of the Amgen Tour of California &
Stage 2 of the Amgen Tour of Women's Race empowered with SRAM

Egan Bernal, Team Sky

"Today was a long day, but I felt so good, and the last long climb the team did a really good job. They made a really hard pace....after this climb we were like 10km to ride, so I just kept pushing hard, but I'm happy with the result and I'm happy for the team."

On the strategy discussed last night to prepare for today:

"To do a really hard pace on the last climb, the last 12k climb....how BMC would do the race, and take decisions in the race... but for sure we needed to do a really hard pace in the long climb."

Lawson Craddock, Team EF Education First-Drpac p/b Cannondale

"Pretty chill stage, right? Every rider looked at this stage coming into the week and knew it was going to be pretty insane. Half the peloton wanted to be in the breakaway because on a 100km climb, no matter where you are, you're pretty much are doing the same effort, so fortunately I was able to jump into the breakaway. We cooperated really well. I think at one point it was four or five minutes, but I think there was a rider in there a bit too close on a GC for BMC to let the leash go too much, which is a bit unfortunate. In the end, Sky had their tactics set all day. They wanted to make it hard. I was sitting up there a bit frustrated, 'oh, what's Sky doing, why are they doing this,' but you can't really doubt those results that they pulled out today."

Adam Yates, Mitchelton-SCOTT

"It was pretty tough out there. Pretty much the whole stage was climbing, so not easy, not even for the climbers. A lot of the sprinters and the big guys were complaining, but it's not so easy for us either...We knew these guys from Sky were going to set a tough pace. They needed to drop Tejay (Van Garderen), and that's what they did."

Katie Hall, UnitedHealthcare Pro Cycling Team

“It feels good. I knew I was on pretty good form because I’ve won three domestic GC’s this spring, but I haven’t seen the European riders yet this year, so I had no idea how my fitness compared to theirs. So I just went out and gave it a try and feel pretty good about how it ended up.”

Taylor Wiles, Trek-Drops

“It was pretty good up Kingsbury. It was a little different than last year because we had Boels (Dolmans Cycling Team) here last year, and Boels kind of dictated the pace from the bottom. So it was a little different this year, but with 5k to go, attacks started to go, and people started to shed, and I looked at the back of Katie’s wheel and held on for dear life.”