



Quotes Compiled After Stage 3 of the Amgen Tour of California *May 14, 2019*

Rémi Cavagna, Deceuninck - Quick-Step – “Today was really hard...a long, long day. But finally, with my friend [Alex Hoehn] we went the maximum we can and finally I could go in the climb, and went full gas until the end. It was really hard. Not the climb, but the downhill because I was a little bit scared because it was really tricky. I didn’t take too much risk, and I did it, though, so I’m really happy. It’s my first victory this year, and first victory in the WorldTour, so it’s really important for me.”

(On the last kilometers of the race) “After the downhill, the last 20k, it was totally flat, I know, because we did it last week. Specialized is from Morgan Hill so it’s really important for the team, for us to win here. But for me, I did the last 50k so I knew exactly what I needed to do.”

(On the downhill) “I’m not the best guy on the downhill for sure, because last year I crashed two times in two weeks, so I lost a little bit of confidence. I didn’t see the downhill last week, so I don’t recognize it. I knew it was a long downhill, 3km, so I go as fast as I can, but I felt for sure I lost a little bit of time, and conserved some energy because all the time (after the downhill) I needed to push again full gas to take my speed back...but yes, it was a long, long, long day and I’m really happy.”

Alex Hoehn, USA Cycling National Team – “Today was great. It was an extremely hard stage today....Going up Mount Hamilton all alone, I was kind of disappointed to get dropped, but Remi is a very talented rider so that’s nothing to be upset about. Definitely coming across the top and downhill is definitely one of the harder places to ride alone because you have to push all the wind by yourself.”

(On having his family at the finish) “I couldn’t ask for a better gift. It’s amazing that they’re here. I knew they were coming today....I didn’t really expect to do this today, but definitely during the harder parts of the ride when I was alone I was definitely thinking of them, and that’s what kept me going through a lot of the day.”

(On tomorrow’s plan) “Our director said that we’re taking every single day as a single stage. We came in today as a one-day race, and we’re going to go into tomorrow as a one-day race. We have different objectives for different days. Tomorrow we’ll definitely have guys get into the break again. I’m going to try as hard as I can to keep the polka dot (KOM) jersey....that’s what the plan for the team is.”