

Tour de France Columbian Darwin Atapuma produces inspiring ride with his V2-R, winning the red bib

UAE Team Emirates' Darwin Atapuma produced one of the most inspiring rides of the Tour to date, as the Columbian finished second on stage 18, earning the red bib for his efforts as the most aggressive rider. With less than 2km to go on today's Hors Category (HC) finish in Col d'Izoard, it looked as though Atapuma was going to win the race. But the UAE Team Emirates rider succumbed to late pressure from eventual winner, Warren Barguil (Team Sunweb).

There was also a top 10 finish for UAE Team Emirates' General Classification contender, Louis Meintjes, who finished seventh, 37 seconds behind Barguil. Chris Froome (Team Sky) holds on to the Yellow Jersey, with Meintjes still sitting second in the hunt for the White Jersey behind Simon Yates (ORICA-Scott). Commenting on his the team's performance, Louis Meintjes said: "It was a really good day for the team with five in the break-away and we got second place which is good."

Commenting on his second place finish, Darwin Atapuma said: "Today we prepared the stage very well and I think we did a great job. It is a shame we did not take the win, but to get second place, it really means a lot to me. It is almost like a victory."

Elisa Longo Borghini third on the Col d'Izoard in La Course by Le Tour de France

Wiggle High5 Pro Cycling's Elisa Longo Borghini has finished in third place on the top of the Col d'Izoard, one of the most mythical mountain passes in cycling, in La Course by Le Tour de France. The Italian Champion finished just one minute and 23 seconds behind race winner Annemiek van Vleuten (Orica-Scott), with British Champion Lizzie Deignan (Boels-Dolmans) taking second on the 2360 metre high finish.



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