

## Louis Meintjes 8th in the Tour de France 2017

The second Grand Tour of the season, Tour de France, concluded today with the UAE Team Emirates' Louis Meintjes in eighth place in the overall General Classification and second in the Youth Classification.

The Tour was won by Englishman Chris Froome (Team Sky) who claimed the overall lead after a 103 km from Montgeron to Paris (photo Bettini) making it his fourth Tour triumph. The final stage was won by Dylan Groenewegen (Lotto NL-Jumbo) – his first ever stage win at the Tour.

UAE Team Emirates' debut at the 104th Tour de France had a number of memorable moments, including Ulissi's and Atapuma's podium finishes in stage 15 and 18 respectively, Laengen's performance during stage six where he won most aggressive rider award and Atapuma winning the same award following his performance in stage 18.

Commenting on the end of Le Tour, South African rider Meintjes said: "I think it was a good Tour, we came here with the goal of a solid performance in the GC and we tried our best. I don't think eighth place is a bad result, however you always want to improve. It was a good few weeks with lots of great memories. Now we will have a week of rest in order to recover and refocus for the remainder of the season".





## Elisa Longo Borghini finishes in third place in La Course Marseille Chase

Wiggle High5 Pro Cycling's Elisa Longo Borghini finished in third place in the Orange Velodrome, the football stadium of Olympic Marseille, at the end of the La Course by Le Tour de France High Speed Pursuit race, to repeat her fantastic result from Thursday's stage to the Col d'Izoard. The Italian Champion was just beaten in a sprint for the line by British Champion Lizzie Deignan (Boels-Dolmans), as she finished one minute and 52 seconds behind Izoard winner Annemiek van Vleuten.

## Kolss backs up in Qinghai Lake with Polivoda stage win

Ukrainian Oleksandr Polivoda gives Kolss Cycling second straight stage win on eighth day of racing at the 16th Tour of Qinghai Lake. After a gruelling 224-kilometres in the saddle in blistering summer heat, it all came down to a select sprint on Stage 8 in Ping'an, China that was so close neither Italian Luca Chirico (Torku Şekerspor) nor Ukrainian Oleksandr Polivoda (Kolss) were certain of exactly who won. But after further review, Polivoda was credited with the photo finish victory to give his Kolss Cycling Team its second straight stage win at the Tour of Qinghai Lake (2.HC) on Sunday.

Just two months after the last edition of the Colnago Cycling Festival, which saw more than 12,000 people -cyclists, families, sports enthusiasts or simply curious - on the shores of the largest lake in Italy and now the Organisers are ready to give the latest touches to the new 2018 edition, finally dissolving the mystery on dates.

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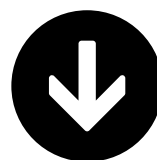
## New dates for Colnago Cycling Festival 2018 edition

April 6th/7th/8th : here is the selected weekend to celebrate Italian bicycle and excellence. The territory, its mild climate and the two courses of the granfondo are perfect especially in spring, infact Lake Garda is particularly appreciated by European cyclists in April.

The Colnago Granfondo with its 3 balanced ascents is so perfect for opening the Granfondistic season.

Also for this new edition, the sports and emotional alliance between Ernesto Colnago and Desenzano will be celebrated in three days under the spirit of cycling passion for everyone.

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