



Fabio Aru battles in Tirreno-Adriatico's queen stage

Fabio Aru finished fourth in the queen stage of the Tirreno-Adriatico today after counter-attacking on the ramps leading to the Sassotetto at 1345 metres. The 12-kilometre summit finish closed out the 219-kilometre stage, averaged 7.1% and peaked out at 13% – a true test for the classification stars. “My condition is improving, day after day I feel better,” Aru said. “In the final, I tried, but I still lack that little bit of acceleration. Anyway, it was a great day for me and for the team considering that I’m not at my top yet. I would like to underline that the team is working well, we are a great group and we all improving in every aspect. The Giro d’Italia is certainly my season objective, but there are still two months to go beforehand. We are working calmly with this in mind”.

Anass Ait El Abdia wins the Khenifra M'ritt, Open national race in Morocco



Jolien d'Hoore sixth in Ronde van Drenthe

A fantastic performance from the team today, but zero luck as a crash in the final kilometres took out our Dutch sprinter Kirsten Wild. The team was right there in numbers as the race approached the finish, with our German superstar Lisa Brennauer taking control as the final lap began. Luckily Kirsten was unhurt and the team can take the confidence of this performance into the races to come.

Did you know that...

Ernesto Colnago about the young Gianni Motta: "one fine day, I put him with Carletto Brugnani (former pro rider in the '60 with Philco). I asked him: Sunday in your area, at Terni, they will race the Italian junior championship, so bring Motta to see the circuit and check him out and let me know what do you think. In the evening he came to my workshop and said: look this kid is a real racer!"

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