



Ganna shines in the Tour of Flanders, Kristoff 16th

The young individual pursuit world champion Filippo Ganna is again a player in the northern classics. After Ghent-Wevelgem last week, today he attacked for another 140 kilometres with five others in the Tour of Flanders. "It was great," Ganna explained. "On the climbs, the fans were yelling so much that I couldn't even hear myself. The DS every now and then, spoke and I told him to say it again, I couldn't hear because of the fans. "I like that I'm doing well from the start in these races, but I need to still learn now to race here in the North. Every bit of energy you save, counts. I can't even think of Roubaix now, I'm too tired." Niki Terpstra (Quick-Step Floors) won the race solo with 12 seconds over Dane Mads Pedersen (Trek-Segafredo) and 17 seconds over his team-mate Philippe Gilbert. Former winner Alexander Kristoff finished 16th. "In this moment, maybe the Kwaremont is too hard for me," Kristoff said. "Just missed a little bit. It was smart solution to anticipate the climb, and the best moment was when Terpstra attacked."



Mirza wins the UAE time trial championship

One week after having obtained the UAE title in the road race, Yousif Mirza won also the Emirati time trial championship. Riding his K.one Colnago bike on a 33,5 km course, he preceded in the final standing Marwi (+17) and Mansoori (+1'35"), adding another victory to the precious ones already obtained in the early part of the season: the road race Asian title, the Asian continental championship on track in the points race and the road race UAE title. "I'm very happy and satisfied for having achieved this result, it's great to confirm my leadership in the time trial too – Mirza, whose next race will be in May in the World Tour event Tour of California – I thank my team, I always receive a huge support from the management, from the team mates and from the staff. I want to continue to achieve good results and to perform at a high level in this season and in the Year of Zayed".

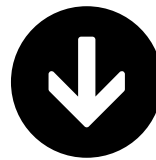
Rui Costa and Ulissi will shine as beacons for UAE Team Emirates at the Vuelta al Pais Vasco

Rui Costa and Ulissi will pair up to lead UAE Team Emirates in this short World Tour category stage race in the Basque Country from April 2 to 7. The 2013 World Champion was forced to withdraw from the Paris-Nice after a crash, he will return to competition after spending time training on the roads of Madeira; the Italian talent will participate in the race as part of his preparation for the Ardennes Classics. The Emirati formation will be coached by Sports Directors Matxin (Spain) and Pedrazzini (Switzerland). The following 7 riders will line up on the starting grid for the race: Anass Ait El Abdia (Morocco) - Matteo Bono (Italy) - Rui Costa (Portugal) - Manuele Mori (Italy) - Jan Polanc (Slovenia) Aleksandr Riabushenko (Belorussia) - Diego Ulissi (Italy)





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