Alaphilippe wins 3rd stage, secures yellow jersey

Tour de France

Frenchman Julian Alaphilippe lived up to his hype as he snatched the Tour de France’s overall leader’s yellow jersey by winning the third stage yesterday.

The world number one jumped away from the pack in the opening kilometre of a brutal 900-metre effort at an average gradient of 22.2%, to claim his third stage win in the race after a 215-kilometre ride from Binche, Belgium.

Determined to snatch Alaphilippe, one of the pre-stage favourites, hung on for dear life over the remaining 36 kilometres to take the overall lead from Dutchman Mike Teunissen, who dropped out when the Frenchman attacked.

“The climb in, as usual... an emotional Alaphilippe, who won the 2019 world road race for the mountains classification last year, claimed his first yellow jersey in the Tour’s 106th edition.

“I knew the finale would suit me but I didn’t think I would be so strong on the way from the finish line of the third stage of Tour de France, yesterday.”

Alaphilippe has had a fantastic season, winning the Milan-San Remo ‘Monument’ classic and the Strade Bianche in March, as well as the Flèche Wallonne in April.

Wearing a yellow jersey makes his year perfect.

Among the general classification contenders, only France’s Thibaut Pinot and Colombian Egan Bernal remain in the hunt for the prestigious yellow jersey.

On Tuesday, Bernal and Thomas, who crossed the line in 12th and 13th places respectively, Bernal and Thomas co-lead Team Ineos in the Tour after four-times champion Chris Froome was ruled out of the race because of injuries sustained in a crash at the Critérium du Dauphiné last month.

Bernal is sixth overall, 40 seconds behind Alaphilippe with Remi Cavagna in second on 182 seconds.

Australia stars barefoot in bondung session ahead of semi-final

Kohli and Williamson renew rivalry

India vs New Zealand: three key battles

Kohli vs Williamson

There will be a series of duels for the India’s Virat Kohli and New Zealand’s Kane Williamson, who were captained their sides when India and New Zealand met in the 2008 Under-19 World Cup.

Williamson has also been inspirational for New Zealand, with two masterclass centuries and a record breaking total of 215 in the series win against South Africa, which saw them through to the finals.

Opening bowler Rohit Sharma is in the form of his life after finishing career centurion in a single-inning of the World Cup victory over the West Indies, having joined up as a replacement for Shaun Marsh, tournament, having joined up as a replacement for Shaun Marsh, tournament.
Ten-man Brazil held on to win the Copa America on home soil as Riyad Mahrez conceded a goal and scored from Guinea. We did not think we had a very solid Africa Cup of Nations yesterday.


Overdrive Racing’s Nasser Salah Al Attiyah and French navigator Matthieu Baumel extended their overall advantage to 113m 32sec after a second successive stage win on the timed section of the 2019 Silk Way Rally between Baikal and Ulan-Ude in Eastern Siberia, yesterday.

The second stage of the revised rally ran for 202km in a day’s route of 509km between Baikal and the night halt in Ulan-Ude. It ran on gravel tracks through a mountain pass, taiga forests and across various bridges through spectacular Siberian terrain to finish on the steppes plateau.

Al Attiyah carded a time of 2hrs 35mins 03sec for the latest special to beat second placed Chinese driver Liu Xin by 7min 40sec.

Al Attiyah said: “I pushed hard on the first stage to gain the advantage, despite the muddy conditions and we found a good pace today and now have a comfortable lead to manage over the coming days. There is a long way to go over many difficult and varied stages.

But it was a disappointing second stage for the Qatar’s Al Sadd Racing Racing team-mates in their Toyota Hiluxes.

Saudi Arabia’s Yazeed Al-Rajhi and German navigator Dirk von Zitzewitz began the day in third position after a slow puncture cost them a potential second place on Sunday.

But the Rajih driver suffered technical issues on the special and was not able to continue. The Saudi had been running fastest overall at WPT Glam before initially stopping on the track for over 15 minutes and then continuing further as the stage progressed.

Dutchman Erik van Loon has teamed up with Frenchman Sebastien Delzon for Silk Way Rally lead, but transmission problems thwarted their progress yesterday and they face a tightght battle through the field over the coming days after losing over two and a half hours to the stage winner after billions of the stage.

Frenchman Jerome Pelichet had been running second overall after the opening day and he ended up third with fellow countryman Matthieu Serradori and China’s Han Wei following closely in the overall car rankings.

Today team tackles a 21km selective section in a route of 60km between Ulan-Ude in Eastern Siberia and the Mongolian capital of Ulaanbaatar (formerly known as Ulan Bator).

Al Attiyah is the largest city in Mongolia and is located in the central north of the country in the valley of the Tuul River.
Falah the Falcon meets fans ahead of Doha Worlds

**The official mascot for the IAAF World Athletics Championships, Falah the Falcon makes his first appearance as the official mascot, meets young sport enthusiasts at Aspire Zone’s Summer Camp.**

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Qatar win seven medals at Arab Youth Athletics Championships

**THE PENINSULA 2019**

Qatar athletes win seven medals including one gold, two silver and four bronze medals to conclude the 2019 Arab Youth Athletics Championships campaign at a high in Doha, Tannura on Sunday.

Qatar occupied the eighth position in the medal tally in the four-day competition which was organised by the Arab Athletic Federation.

Young high jumper Mohammed Nosah Khalifa won the sole gold medal for Qatar, clearing a height of 2.00 metres ahead of Kuwait’s Haidam Alwane who won the silver (1.95m). Iraqi athlete Sajjad Abdalhaq Mohan won the bronze medal with a performance of 1.90m. Qatar’s two silver medals were won by Hamza Shweis (1.93m in the boys’ long jump) and Amer Abd Almadajal (2.12m in the boys’ high jump).

Omar Aliahmad and Aziz Darmouni won bronze in the 100m hurdles (11.79s and 11.80s in the boys’ and 12.29s and 12.31s in the girls’ respectively). The girls’ 4x400m relay team, comprising Amany Alshamali, Zainab Alshamali, Amany Alshamali and Sarah Alshamali, won the sole bronze medal in the 4x400m.

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Ten-man Brazil down Peru 3-1 to win Copa America title

On Falah’s visit to the camp, Al Ameen Almouz, Acting Blood Protocol Section at Aspire Zone, commented: “It was a great opportunity and a great gesture from the Local Organising Committee of the IAAF/Doha 2019 to have Falah here today. This visit was important to contribute in spreading the Falah logo to the fans and to encourage them to attend the competitions, support our athletes and enjoy the atmosphere of the Championships which will be held for the very first time in Doha and the Middle East.

Fans can keep track of Falah’s appearances throughout Doha by checking out the latest images and stories on Falah’s official social media channels @IAAF/Doha2019. News of Falah’s upcoming appearances will also be available via the IAAF’s official social media channels.

Falah will be at the Khalifa International Stadium for the ten-day competition, meeting fans in the World Athletics Village at Khalifa International Stadium, as well as inside the venue. Fans can purchase tickets for the competition from QBO with the easy online process found via https://iaafworldathleticschamps.com/doha2019/.

Untroubled ‘Big 3’ in quarter-finals

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Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer breezed past their Round of 16 opponents into the Wimbledon quarter-finals yesterday as the sport’s Grand Slam heavyweight divisions continued to deliver blow after blow to their writing lightweights today.

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Third seed Nadal, the 2008 and 2013 champion, swept to an easy 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 win over out-classed Joao Sousa of Portugal to book his place in a seventh quarter-final at the All England Club.

Roger Federer became the oldest man to reach a Grand Slam quarter-final in 28 years when he knocked his place in the Wimbledon last-eight for the 17th time.

Eight-time champion Federer breezed past Italy’s Matteo Berrettini 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 in just 74 minutes, making it a record 86th a quarter-final at the Slams.

He is the oldest man to reach the last eight at the majors since 39-year-old Jimmy Connors at the 1991 US Open.

Federer, who hit 24 aces and just five unforced errors, will face Japan’s Kei Nishikori, who defeated Mikael Kukushkin of Kazakhstan 6-3, 6-2, 6-3 for a place in the semi-finals.

Four-time champion and top seed Djokovic will face Belgium’s David Goffin in the next round. Djokovic, 32, has a 5-3 career record over 32 year-old Goffin and will be playing in his fifth Wimbledon quarter-final.

Federer, 38, had never played a match on grass this season and was defeated in just one hour and 42 minutes.

Nadal next plays Sam Querrey, against whom he holds a 4-1 record.

The 33-year-old Spaniard is chasing his fifth title at the majors, which would put him just one behind the all-time record of 20 held by Federer – his potential opponent in the semi-finals.

Goffin matched his best-ever Centre Court performance to reach his third Wimbledon quarter-final.

The Belgian beat Spain’s Fernando Verdasco 7-6(4), 6-3, 6-3. In getting to the last eight of a Grand Slam for the third time, Goffin became the fifth Belgian man to reach his third quarter-finals at Wimbledon – and along with Xavier Malisse, the only one to do so in 1994.

In the women’s division, world number one Ashleigh Barty has become the first Australian woman to reach the semi-finals at Wimbledon since 1924.

At the opposite end of the age scale to 27-year-old Williams, 15-year-old Coco Gauff could not summon up yet another magical performance as the crowd-pleasing American went down 6-3, 6-3, 7-5 to battle-hardened Russian Daria Kasatkina.

Having looked assured last week, while Williams was not altogether convincing, it was 25-year-old Australian Barty who was the target of her seventh victory over Williams.

Williams' loss means she has taken her number one spot but the Czech third seed went out as well in a marathon dual beaten by Russian Sofia Shapatava 6-4, 7-5, 5-7, 6-3.

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