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Andy and Alberto

Collected opinions from local cyclists

[Editor's note: There have been many opinions in the media about the advantage Alberto Contador gained from Andy Scheck's dropped chain during Stage 15 of the Tour de France. Here's a sample of opinion from some of our local riders.]

I can't believe the boos I heard as Contador received his yellow jersey.

Here is what I saw happen: Schleck attacked, got a gap, Vino responded and was leading Contador back to counter. Schleck drops his chain, maybe trying to get in another gear to respond to the Vino/Contador response. Vino and Contador go by, look to see what happens. Sanchez and Menchov (3rd and 4th, only two minutes down) sail by and keep going, Contador follows them.

Was Contador supposed to wait and let two guys only two minutes behind gain back time?

It's one thing to say don't initiate an attack when someone has a mechanical, but Schleck had attacked first and the race was already on. Did Schleck/Cancellara wait for Contador's broken spoke the last 30k on the cobbles? Or for Lance's flat at an inopportune time on the same stage? Nope.

Remember when Beloki crashed as all the GC guys were madly chasing Vino back in 2003? Nobody waited then.

I think all the people yapping at Contador are just mad at him for beating Lance [Armstrong] last year, even though the team rode as much to preserve Armstrong's podium as it did to support the man who should have been their unquestioned leader. I like and respect Armstrong, but his comments about Alberto last year, and the way his divided team rode to 'support' their strongest rider was really low class.

This may provoke some Lance fans, but the boos for a great rider wearing yellow have got me agitated.

I disagree. I liked BOB [Roll]'s comments the best. He could have convinced the other GC contenders to let up and "take a breather" for a few seconds to at least give Andy a slight chance to get back in. I would not win a tour by 25 seconds when an incident like that happened so close to the end of the tour.

I'm with [the original poster] on this one. Contador could not have known how long it would take Schleck to get rolling, and Sanchez and Menchov were right there going hard. Bad luck for Andy, it looked like he was primed for a big move. As it was he did well to make up time on the climb and limit his losses on the descent.

Bottom line, Lance Armstrong created this myth of waiting, (in the current age). What a joke. All the team cars have TV and know about the situation of every rider. Bob Roll didn't say anything about "ac" losing time to "as" on the cobbled stage when "ac" had a broken spoke and a flat tire. Do I sense a double standard?

Andy Schleck attacked, missed a shift in the heat of the battle, and got his but kicked by some veterans. Do you think [Bernard] Hinault or Eddy [Merckx] would have waited for a 24yo? No way. Andy Schleck is a whiner. Whiners make great runners-up.

I also ask myself this question-These guys are not trained to think. They are programmed to go no matter what (broken elbows, wrists you name it).

When they crash, they just want to get on their bikes and keep moving not thinking or even feeling the pain. **That's their one and only objective.**

So when they find themselves in a complex situation with many WHAT IF variables and trying merely to SURVIVE on an extremely long and hard climb how are they going to simply switch their mental programming in a split second?

Seems to me that a race is a race, is race...with good or bad luck--that is the Tour – or any other race for that matter

About Bob [Roll]--He is not a charmer; I think he says thinks to annoy people regardless of what he really thinks (I like him).

I think there is a difference in “waiting” if your rival crashed, like the Lance [Armstrong] & Jan [Ulrich] event, or if it was mechanical.

Remember when Lance was having pedal problems

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on a climb and lost time? Had to really hit it to catch up, no “waiting” calls were demanded.

Is the Tour a bike race? I have never heard of any other race where fellow competitors wait for their rivals to catch up regardless of what slowed them down. Seems to me if there is a clock running the entire goal should be to get there first, where does waiting fit in? Really confused as to why this is an issue at all.

Maybe it's somewhere in those “unwritten rules.”

And, like the Pirates' Code, they're “more what you'd call guidelines than actual rules.....”

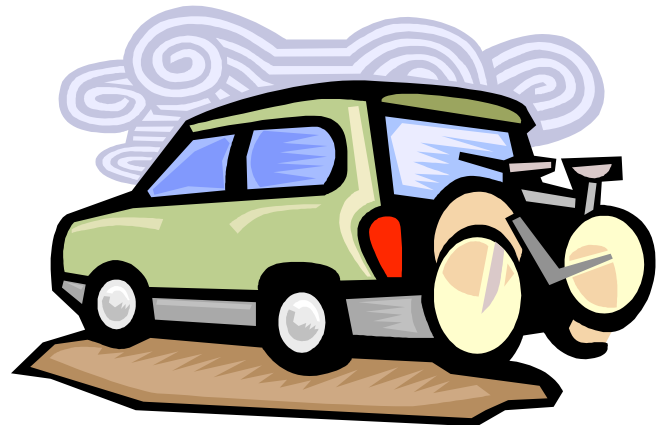
IF Contador really feels he gained the Maillot Jaune in a way NOT befitting it, and has apologized for it, he could easily put to rest the controversy by letting Schleck get ahead of him by 30 seconds in tomorrow's stage, then crank it up again, catch Andy and erase the issue. AC would stand to gain significantly more than just time. AC is not obligated to do so however.

You got it.... Alberto definitely needs to prove he's the Boss, esp., since he hasn't won a Stage and he might not win the TT either....

But if he allowed a 30 second “head start” Vingo would have heart failure and I still say, “Don't make a Kazak mad”....

Both Alberto and Andy need to dominate tomorrow; hopefully by a couple of minutes... if Andy should get a nice win (and lead), think how crazy things will be on Saturday...

If Andy Schleck, or any other bike racer doesn't want mechanicals to figure into a race, then they should become runners or swimmers.



RIDE SCHEDULE – August 2010

- Helmets required.
- Rain or 'serious' threat of rain cancels.
- Rides may be amended and additional rides may be scheduled via the Stockton Bicycle Club Yahoo! Group. (details below).
- Josie Malik (951-4224) often leads additional rides on Sundays. It's best to call by Thurs.

For questions or to list a ride of your choice, please call or email Roberta Hoffman at 763-2807 or nikehoffman@comcast.net

New Riders Note: The riders stop and regroup at major intersections and atop climbs. There is a rest/refuel break about the middle of the ride. Unless otherwise stated, all rides are recreational in nature and intended for the enjoyment of all participants.

Terrain: F=flat, R=rolling, H=Hilly, VH=very hilly, M=mountain, MTB=mountain bike

Date	Time	Miles/ Terrain	Start Location	Description	Leader
Mon	8:30	30-35 F	Lodi 605 W. Kettleman Bicycle Cafe	Recovery Ride – A no drop ride Average Speed 14-17 mph	Don Hoffman 763-2807
Tue	8:00	35-50 F	Lodi Emerson Park Hutchins & Elm	A show and go. No regroup until break. Average speed 18-20 mph.	
Wed	6:00 P.M.	20-25 F	Stockton Bear Creek HS	W.A.R. Usually two routes, 20 and 25 miles. Avg. Speed 19-21	
Thu	8:00	35-45 R/H	Wallace Rossetti's	Show and go	
Fri.	5:30 P.M.	20-25 F	Stockton 4219 Morada Ln. Morada Ranch Ctr.	T.G.I.F. Ride, Social pace, 14-17 mph Meet at N.E. corner near Mtn. Mike's Pizza	Bill 608-3497
Sat 31 July	8:00	21/45/58 H/VH	Ione Howard Park	21: SC (1200') 45: Volcano (3400') 58: PG, Tabeaud, Jackson, SC-Ione(4500')	
Sun 1	8:00	24/35/53 R	24/35 Eugene Milton/Sonora Rds. 53 Farmington Escalon/Bellota Rd.	53: Start in Farmington - veloroutes.org/r/56266 24: Sonora Rd., Knight's Ferry 35: Woodward Res., Rodden, Orange Blossom, Morrison, KF, Sonora Breakfast stop/break in Knight's Ferry	
Sat 7	8:00	25/34 R/H	Ione Howard Park	25: Sc-Ione, Old 49, break at Andrae's, Turner Rd., Sutter Ione 34: Tonzi, Willow Creek	
Sun 8	8:00	40 H	Wallace Rosetti's	40: Campo, Paloma, water tower return to VS Starbuck's(2900')	
Sat 14	8:00	42/51 VH	Plymouth Main Street Park	42: Mt. Aukum, Gray's Corner, Fairplay, Omo Ranch (3800') 51: Slug Gulch (4200')	
Sun 15	8:00	20/30/40 R/H	Clements Mary's Mini-Mart Hwy 88/LibertyRd.	20: Camanche Blues (900') 30: BV (1200') 40: Ione (1900')	
Sat 21	8:00	21/45/48 H/VH	Ione Howard Park	21: SC (1200'), 45: Volcano (3400') 48: Ram's Horn, Shake Ridge (4300')	
Sun 22	8:00	35-40	Clements Fire Station	Route TBD Coffee on the Club after the ride	
Sat 28	8:00	40 H	Ione Plaza 313 Preston Ave.	Michigan Bar, Carbondale, Forest Home, Old Sac, break Plymouth, return Irish Hill	
Sun 29	8:00	25/52 F	Manteca 8092 E. Southland Rd.	Jim's Melon Ride-Maps provided Join other area clubs for a south county ride and refreshing watermelon/swim	Jim 321-8199

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