

AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA

'Just to touch this jersey is quite an honor.'

DAVID ZABRISKIE, Stage 3 winner on claiming the yellow jersey

David Zabriskie beats out Michael Rogers in a photo finish in front of the Boardwalk on Tuesday to win the third stage of the Amgen Tour of California bike race. Three-time race winner Levi Leipheimer is behind in third place.

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ZABRISKIE BY A NOSE

He outsprints Rogers, Leipheimer to win Stage 3, take yellow jersey

Bicycle Races
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SANTA CRUZ — Santa Cruz County welcomed the cyclists in the Amgen Tour of California with gorgeous weather and boisterous crowds Saturday, and the riders returned the favor with a thrilling three-man sprint to the finish line in front of the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk.

Thousands of cheering fans lined Beach Street as David Zabriskie edged Michael Rogers in a photo finish with Levi Leipheimer right on their tail to end the race's 113.3-mile third stage that started in San Francisco under morning fog.

The 31-year-old Zabriskie, a member of the Garmin Transitions team, finished in 4 hours,

26 minutes and 9 seconds to take over the yellow jersey as the Tour's overall leader. He leads HTC-Columbia's Rogers by 4 seconds, thanks to the 10-second time bonus he received as the stage winner. Leipheimer, the three-time defending champion and Lance Armstrong's RadioShack teammate, is third at 6 seconds back.

"Just to touch this jersey is quite an honor," Zabriskie said, pointing to his new yellow threads. "This is my favorite race on the calendar. I'm very proud and excited to wear this."

This year's installment of the Tour, which is the largest cycling race in North America, is beginning to look a lot like last year's, when

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JERSEY WINNERS

STAGE 3

AMGEN GOLDEN LEADER'S JERSEY:

David Zabriskie (USA)
of Garmin-Transitions

CA TRAVEL & TOURISM KOM JERSEY:

Thomas Rabou (NED) of Team Type 1

HERBALIFE SPRINT: Mark Cavendish

(GBR) of Team HTC-Columbia

RABOBANK BEST YOUNG RIDER:

Peter Sagan (ITA) of Liquigas-Doimo

AMGEN BREAKAWAY FROM CANCER

MOST COURAGEOUS: Will Routley (CAN)
of Jelly Belly Presented by Kenda



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Andy Jacques-Maynes pedals up Highway 1 during the early part of the race in front of Canadian Will Routley on Tuesday.

Jacques-Maynes brothers put crash behind them

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SANTA CRUZ — Ben and Andy Jacques-Maynes had road rash on top of their road rash.

Their arms and legs were pink with cuts and scrapes and purple with bruises. A few tan bandages held together elbows and ankles. One of them wore shorts stained with blood from a gash on his hip.

Thirty minutes before the start of Stage 3 of the Amgen

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Tour of California professional cycling race Tuesday, the twins from Corralitos looked as though they were just returning from battle, not preparing to start one. A day earlier, four

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Lance Armstrong keeps focused as the race progresses in San Mateo County on Tuesday.

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Leipheimer, Zabriskie and Rogers finished 1-2-3 on the leaderboard. The trio was back together again when it broke away from the peloton at the start of the climb up Bonny Doon Road about 30 miles from the finish line. They were cheered the entire way by a row of fans, including one in a wetsuit holding a surfboard who ran beside them.

Leipheimer took over the race last year with a charge up the approximately seven-mile long, 2,135-foot high ascent — the longest and steepest of the stage — and tried the same strategy this year. This time, however, Zabriskie and Rogers were right there with him.

"They are my most dangerous rivals, so I wasn't surprised at all," Leipheimer said through a race spokesman. "The three of us are the biggest favorites in the race."

The climb up Bonny Doon shredded the field, but several groups rejoined and tried to chase down the lead group as the riders entered Santa Cruz and sped down West



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STAGE 3 RESULTS

A 113.3-MILE LEG FROM SAN FRANCISCO

FINISH NAME [TEAM]	TIME	BACK
1. David Zabriskie [GRM]	4:26:09	
2. Michael Rogers [THR]	4:26:09	
3. Levi Leipheimer [RSH]	4:26:09	
4. Peter Sagan [LIQ]	4:26.26	.17
5. Rory Sutherland [UHC]	4:26.26	.17
6. Heinrich Hsler [CTT]	4:26.26	.17
7. Jens Voigt [SAX]	4:26.26	.17
8. Christopher Horner [RSH]	4:26.26	.17
9. Francois Parisien [CSM]	4:26.26	.17
10. Ryder Hesjedal [GRM]	4:26.26	.17
11. Jeremy Vennell [BPC]	4:26.26	.17
12. Steve Morabito [BMC]	4:26.26	.17
13. Ytting Baklars [THR]	4:26.26	.17
14. Lance Armstrong [RSH]	4:26.26	.17
15. Christoher Jones [TTI]	4:26.26	.17
16. Peter Stetina [GRM]	4:26.26	.17
17. Tony Martin [THR]	4:26.26	.17
18. Marc De Maar [UHC]	4:26.26	.17
19. Janez Brajkovic [RSH]	4:26.26	.17
20. Jakob Fuglsang [SAX]	4:26.26	.17
21. Jose Vigil [RSH]	4:26.26	.17
22. Phil Zajicek [VAU]	4:26.26	.17
23. Thomas Danielson [GRM]	4:26.26	.17
24. Francesco Bellotti [LIQ]	4:26.26	.17
25. Lucas Euser [CSM]	4:26.26	.17
26. Brian Vandborg [LIQ]	4:26.46	.37
27. Valeriy Kobzareno [TTI]	4:26.26	.17
28. Lars Boom [RAB]	4:27.50	1.41
29. David Boily [CSM]	4:27.50	1.41
30. Jurgen Van DeWalle [QST]	4:27.50	1.41
31. Paul Martens [RAB]	4:27.50	1.41
32. George Hincapie [BMC]	4:27.50	1.41
33. Grischa Niermann [RAB]	4:27.50	1.41
34. Christopher Baldwin [UHC]	4:27.50	1.41
35. Carlos Llamazales [QST]	4:27.50	1.41
36. Paul Mach [BPC]	4:27.50	1.41
37. Oscar Munoz [CTT]	4:28.05	1.56
38. Ben Jacques-Maynes [BPC]	4:30.45	4.36
39. Robert Britton [BPC]	4:30.45	4.36
40. Scotts Zwizanski [KBS]	4:30.45	4.36
41. Max Jenkins [UHC]	4:30.45	4.36
42. Kiel Reijnen [UBC]	4:30.45	4.36
43. Jonathan Twell [VAU]	4:30.45	4.36
44. Christopher Butler [BMC]	4:30.45	4.36
45. Chad Beyer [BMC]	4:30.45	4.36
46. Nikolas Maes [QST]	4:30.49	4.40
47. Bernard Sulzberger [VAU]	4:30.49	4.40
48. Stef Clement [RAB]	4:34.22	8.13
49. Benjamin Day [VAU]	4:35.07	8.58
50. Darren Lill [VAU]	4:35.07	8.58
51. Brett Lancaster [CTT]	4:35.07	8.58
52. Simon Zahner [BMC]	4:35.07	8.58
53. Reid Mumford [KBS]	4:35.07	8.58
54. Thomas Rabou [TT1]	4:35.07	8.58
55. Jackson Stewart [BMC]	4:35.07	8.58
56. Charles Dionne [VAU]	4:35.07	8.58
57. Yaroslva Popovych [RSH]	4:35.07	8.58
58. Dominique Rollin [CTT]	4:39.01	12.52
59. Thomas Peterson [GRM]	4:39.01	12.52
60. David Veilleux [KBS]	4:39.01	12.52
61. Andy Schleck [SAX]	4:42.19	16.10
62. Tejay VanGarderen [THR]	4:42.19	16.10
63. Marcus Burghardt [JBC]	4:42.33	16.24
64. Bernhard Eisel [JBC]	4:42.33	16.24
65. Michael Friedman [THR]	4:42.33	16.24
66. Will Routley [QST]	4:42.33	16.24
67. Mark Cavendish [RAB]	4:42.33	16.24

Cliff Drive. But with four miles left, it was clear it would be a three-man race.

Last year's Santa Cruz stage finished on a straightaway downtown. This year the finish line was moved to the Boardwalk, requiring riders to negotiate the narrow turns on Beach Hill as they approached the end. Zabriskie, who has been runner-up twice in the Tour's four-year history, said that made the final sprint a little more tricky. He handled it well, though, as he beat Rogers by about an inch.

"There was a little bit of wind and the gap was coming down quite quickly," Zabriskie said. "It just wasn't a direct run. It had a couple more corners and it had a little rise. No matter what, everyone goes, goes."

Bissell's Andy Jacques-Maynes, a Corralitos resident, made the jump into the stage's only other successful breakaway. He joined a rogue pack of five riders going into the stage's first climb just past Pacifica, about 31 miles into the race. Jacques-Maynes made the push despite some lingering soreness from Monday's Stage 2, when he and his twin brother, Ben, who is also a Bissell rider, both crashed twice in rainy conditions. On one of the crashes, Andy Jacques-Maynes went airborne and tumbled into a ditch.

Leader David Zabriskie comes around the corner of High Street and Western Drive during Stage 3 of the Tour of California on Tuesday.

"I had to grab my bike and haul it back up," Jacques-Maynes said of the 10- to 15-foot tumble.

The breakaway built a gap of just over four minutes before the peloton, being pulled by the RadioShack team, began to reel it in. Most of the breakaway group was finally run down just before Bonny Doon. But Jelly Belly Presented by Kenda rider Will Routley made one last lone push before he was also caught a few miles later.

"All of a sudden we had little more than a one and a half minutes [lead]," Andy Jacques-Maynes said. "We knew then we were screwed."

The early push left Andy Jacques-Maynes exhausted and he finished back in the main group in 4:42:33. Ben Jacques-Maynes finished in a group of eight riders at 4:30:45 and currently sits in 46th place overall, 14:25 behind the leader. Andy Jacques-Maynes is 33:54 back overall with a group of several riders and sits at 105th.

Routley, who spent the winter training in Santa Cruz, also dropped back to finish with the peloton, but his efforts earned him the Most Courageous Rider jersey.

"I thought it would be a nice day to be in the break," Routley said.

HTC-Columbia's Mark Cavendish held onto the sprint classification lead and Type 1's Thomas Rabou wears the King of the Mountain jersey after winning the stage's first three climbs.

Peter Sagan of Liquigas-Doimo finished fourth in the stage in 4:26:26 to hold onto the Best Young Rider jersey and is fourth overall at 21 seconds behind Zabriskie. Armstrong finished 17 seconds back in a chase group of about a dozen riders. The seven-time Tour de France champion is in 12th overall in a group of 14 riders trailing by 27 seconds.

The Tour resumes today at 11 a.m. with Stage 4 from San Jose to Modesto. Zabriskie will need another good ride if he wants to retain the yellow jersey, but he'll always get to keep his other prize from his Stage 3 victory — a surfboard presented to him by Santa Cruz Mayor Mike Rotkin on the winner's stage.

"Coming into Santa Cruz was beautiful," Zabriskie said. "The sun came out, amazing crowds and ol' Dave got a surfboard."

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of the Bissell Pro Cycling team members had crashed, twice, on a technical descent between Davis and Santa Rosa, and it left them damaged and a bit disheartened 200 miles into the 810-mile stage race.

But battle they did.

Andy Jacques-Maynes escaped with a five-man breakaway and pushed the pace for nearly 60 miles before the main pack caught up at the bottom of Bonny Doon Road. There, David Zabriskie of Garmin Slipstream, Michael Rogers of HTC Columbia and defending champion Levi Leipheimer of Team RadioShack formed a breakaway of their own that led to a 1-2-3 finish in front of the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk.

"I gave it a shot. It didn't work, but at least I gave it a shot," said Andy Jacques-Maynes. "You can't win if you don't risk something. So, I went out and risked it all, but I didn't win anything."

Andy Jacques-Maynes nearly kept the Most Courageous Rider jersey in the family after Ben won it last year, the first year Santa Cruz hosted a stage of the 5-year-old race. He was just nudged out, however, by training partner Will Routley of Team Jelly Belly, a Canadian who has been living in Pleasure Point since January.

Routley also made the initial breakaway and was able to draw out his lead for just a few seconds longer than Jacques-Maynes. He said he owed making the break to his knowledge of the roads along the 113.3-mile course.

"It certainly helped today that I knew the spot where the breakaway was going to happen," Routley said.

Routley finished 66th of 124 finishers, four groups behind Ben Jacques-Maynes [38th]. Andy Jacques-Maynes, exhausted from the breakaway effort and the toll of the previous day's wrecks, came in 74th.

Bissell wanted to protect Paul Mach, who entered the stage seventh in the general classification, or overall standings, 8 seconds behind the leaders.

Because the crash had cost the rest of the team so much time and most any chance at winning an overall title, however, team director Eric Wohlberg encouraged his riders go for the breakaway when it happened.

Though the cyclists' bodies were weary, both Jacques-Maynes took motivation from the stage's finish in Santa Cruz, where they grew up and attended the university. From Golden Gate Park to Pacifica, the team tried to launch breakaway attacks, only to have them squelched by Pro Tour teams such as Rabobank and Lance Armstrong's RadioShack. Finally, about 30 miles in, a break that included Routley got some space.

Andy Jacques-Maynes only had a moment to decide if he was willing to put his body through the pain of trying to escape the pack. After crashing on this course last year and reaching the finish in an ambulance, the answer was yes.

"They were starting to roll away. I just launched it. I barely made it across," Andy said. "I was like, 'I've been waiting a year for this day. I'm not going to just let it go.'"

The lead group managed a gap of more

than four minutes as they raced up three climbs and down the coast. Then, suddenly, the lead plummeted a minute and a half as the peloton picked up the pace. The break riders knew it was just a matter of time before they would be reabsorbed into the pack. That's when Routley, feeling he still had life in his legs, jumped ahead and made his play for the Most Courageous Rider jersey. Andy Jacques-Maynes tried to hunt him down, but he had little power left in his tattered legs.

Wohlberg expressed frustration that the Pro Tour teams worked together to overtake the breakaway, which included mostly domestic riders. It also wasn't good news that most of the Bissell riders lost time in the GC, including Mach, who dropped to 27th, 1:49 behind Zabriskie. Ben Jacques-Maynes moved to 46th overall, while Routley is 62nd and Andy Jacques-Maynes sits at 105th.

Still, as just one stage in a long race, Wohlberg deemed the day a success.

"I thought it was good," he said. "I thought ... we got mowed down by the big teams. But the guys did really great. We had Andy up in the breakaway most of the day, so we were pretty happy."

Today's Stage 4 is one of the eight-stage tour's longest. It's 121.5 miles from San Jose to Modesto, and the Jacques-Maynes brothers will be back in the saddle for all of it. While Andy doubts he will also be back in the hunt to win a stage or steal a leader's jersey right away, Ben said he thinks he will have a little more energy than he did Tuesday.

"The sun will be out to warm my muscles," he said. "And I always say I'm solar-powered."

68. Kurt Hovelynck [BPC]	4:42.33	16.24
69. Maarten Tjallingii [VAU]	4:42.33	16.24
70. Daniel Holloway [LIQ]	4:42.33	16.24
71. Aaron Kemps [LIQ]	4:42.33	16.24
72. Elia Viviani [BPC]	4:42.33	16.24
73. Davide Cimolai [JBC]	4:42.33	16.24
74. Andy Jacques-Maynes [BPC]	4:42.33	16.24
75. Bernard Vanul [THR]	4:42.33	16.24
76. Alexander Kristoff [THR]	4:42.33	16.24
77. Bert Grabsch [KBS]	4:42.33	16.24
78. Mark Renshaw [SAX]	4:42.33	16.24
79. Ryan Anderson [QST]	4:42.33	16.24
80. Juan Haedo [SAX]	4:42.33	16.24
81. Maarten Wynants [LIQ]	4:42.33	16.24
82. Matti Breschel [QST]	4:42.33	16.24
83. Francesco Chicchi [KBS]	4:42.33	16.24
84. Tom Boonen [LIQ]	4:42.33	16.24
85. Zachary Bell [LIQ]	4:42.33	16.24
86. Ivan Santarom [JBC]	4:42.33	16.24
87. Manuel Quiziato [CTT]	4:42.33	16.24
88. Jeremy Powers [KBS]	4:42.33	16.24
89. Theo Bos [KBS]	4:42.33	16.24
90. Alex Delario [CTT]	4:42.33	16.24
91. Neil Shirley [QST]	4:42.33	16.24
92. Joao Correia [QST]	4:42.33	16.24
93. Andreas Stauff [TT1]	4:42.33	16.24
94. Kevin Hulsmans [CSM]	4:42.33	16.24
95. Ken Hanson [TT1]	4:42.33	16.24
96. Guillaume Boivin [SAX]	4:42.33	16.24
97. Aldo Ilesic [SAX]	4:42.33	16.24
98. Fabian Cellara [SAX]	4:42.33	16.24
99. Andre Steensen [BPC]	4:42.33	16.24
100. Stuart O'Grady [UHC]	4:42.33	16.24
101. Peter Latham [RSH]	4:42.33	16.24
102. Bradley White [BPC]	4:42.33	16.24
103. Jason McCartney [UHC]	4:42.33	16.24
104. Cody O'Reilly [RSH]	4:42.33	16.24
105. Karl Menzies [BPC]	4:42.33	16.24
106. Matthew Crane [UHC]	4:42.33	16.24
107. Bruno Langlois [UHC]	4:42.33	16.24
108. Dmitriy Murayev [CSM]	4:42.33	16.24
109. Dennis Van Win [RSH]	4:42.33	16.24
110. Thomas Leezer [RAB]	4:42.33	16.24
111. William Dickeson [RAB]	4:42.33	16.24
112. Martin Gilbert [JBC]	4:42.33	16.24
113. Philip Deignan [CSM]	4:42.33	16.24
114. Eric Boily [CTT]	4:42.33	16.24
115. Matthew Wilson [CSM]	4:42.33	16.24
116. Robert Hunter [GRM]	4:42.33	16.24
117. Steven Cozza [GRM]	4:42.33	16.24
118. Jay Thomson [GRM]	4:42.33	16.24
119. Jeremy Hunt [VAU]	4:42.33	16.24
120. Scott Stewart [CTT]	4:42.33	16.24
121. Sebastian Langeveld [TT1]	4:42.33	16.24
122. Andrew Randall [RAB]	4:42.33	16.24
123. Javier Megias [CSM]	4:42.33	16.24
124. Davide Frattini [TT1]	4:42.33	16.24

OVERALL LEADERS

(AFTER THREE STAGES)

1. David Zabriskie, United States, Garmin-Transitions, 13 hours, 9 minutes, 33 seconds.
2. Michael Rogers, U.S., HTC-Columbia, 13:09.37.
3. Levi Leipheimer, U.S., Team RadioShack, 13:09.39.
4. Peter Sagan, Italy, Liquigas-Doimo, 13:09.54.
5. Marc De Maar, U.S., United Healthcare by Maxxis, 13:09.57.
6. Ryder Hesjedal, U.S., Garmin-Transitions, 13:10.00.