

Hail forces wild finish, change of yellow jersey

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TIGNES, France
In an instant, and just as it was becoming even more thrilling, the most exciting Tour de France in decades became truly bizarre.

A violent hailstorm threw cycling's greatest race into chaos on Friday, forcing organizers to cut short a nail-biting stage in the high Alps because riders were speeding, unbeknownst to them, headlong toward a road that had suddenly become covered with ice and giant puddles and cut in half by a rock-slide.

Concerned for riders' safety on mountain roads that can be dangerous at the best of times, race organizers made an on-the-spot and extremely rare decision that the stage couldn't continue.

The shockwave was immediate and heavy in repercussions. Unable to reach the planned finish at the ski station of Tignes, organizers decided that riders' placings would instead be based on their time at the top of the highest

mountain pass of this Tour — the Iseran, at 2,770 metres (9,090 feet) above sea level — which leading riders, but not all, had just scaled when the race was stopped.

And just like that, Colombian rider Egan Bernal found himself in the yellow jersey.

He flew away from Julian Alaphilippe on the climb and reached the top 2 minutes, 10 seconds ahead of the Frenchman, who had held the race lead for a total of 14 days.

Bernal was speeding down hairpins on the other side, with Alaphilippe hot on his trail, hoping to save his race lead, when they received the order to stop racing.

"I don't really know what happened. I was speeding, attacking, and everything was going well and then they told me to stop. I didn't want to stop," Bernal said through a translator on French television. "When they told me that I was the race leader and I had the yellow jersey, I couldn't believe it and I still can't believe it."

Organizers scrambled to deal with the disarray and riders clambered off their bikes, not immediately sure what



Egan Bernal



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Worker use diggers to clean the road of the 19th stage of the Tour de France cycling race Friday. Organizers stopped the world's premier cycling event for the riders' safety when a sudden, violent storm made the route through the Alps too dangerous.

was going on. Exceptionally, there was no winner of Stage 19, because no one had reached the finish.

"This Tour is crazy," race director Christian Prudhomme said. "We would never have imagined a day like this."

Michael Woods of Ottawa sits 36th overall, while Hugo Houle of Sainte-Perpetue, Que., is 96th.

Having made France dream of having a first Tour winner since 1985, and having contributed more than anyone to make this Tour more memorable than most with his punchy riding, Alaphilippe lost the race lead as the Champs-Elysees in Paris was almost within touching distance.

Prudhomme said the hair-raising speeds of Bernal, Alaphilippe and other riders on the downhill from the Iseran in part prompted the decision to stop the race there and then.

Bernal, who races on the Ineos team, was 1:30 behind Alaphilippe at the start of the stage. Ahead of Saturday's final trek in the Alps, the last competitive stage before a traditional processional ride to Paris, the 22-year-old Bernal is now in an ideal position to become the first Colombian to win cycling's biggest race.

Bernal now leads Alaphilippe by 48 seconds. Defending champion Geraint Thomas is third, 1:16 behind Bernal.

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Another bronze for Canada's Pickrem at worlds

The Canadian Press

GWANGJU, Korea, Republic Of

Canadian swimmer Sydney Pickrem has captured her second bronze medal at the 2019 world aquatics championships.

The Canadian/U.S. dual citizen came third in the women's 200-metre breaststroke on Friday, finishing in 2 minutes

22.90 seconds.

Yuliya Efimova of Russia won gold in 2:20.17 for a record third title, while South Africa's Tatjana Schoenmaker was second in 2:22.52, becoming the first swimmer from her country to win a medal at the worlds. Winnipeg's Kelsey Wog finished sixth.

It was Efimova's 14th individual world medal, tying her with Katinka Hosszu of

Hungary and Sjostrom for most among women.

Pickrem also won bronze on Monday in the women's 200-metre individual medley. She's the first Canadian woman to win three career individual medals in world championships history.

Canada now has seven medals in the pool — two gold and five bronze — with two days to go in the meet.

Betts hits three home runs, Sox beat Yanks

The Associated Press

BOSTON

Mookie Betts hit three home runs against James Paxton during the first four innings Friday night in the Boston Red Sox's 10-5 victory over the New York Yankees, whose starting pitchers have stumbled this week in historic fashion.

Betts homered on Paxton's eighth pitch in a three-run first that included J.D. Martinez's two-run homer, went deep again leading off the third for a 4-0 lead and hit a two-run drive in the fourth for a 7-0 advantage.

Betts added an RBI double in the sixth off David Hale to give him five RBIs and grounded out in the eighth. With his fifth career three-homer game, Betts raised his season total to 18 homers.

Batters have had three-homer games on four straight days for the first time in big league history. Betts followed the New York Mets' Robinson Cano, St. Louis' Paul DeJong and Minnesota's Nelson Cruz.

Andrew Cashner (10-5), coming off losses in his first two starts after Boston acquired him from Baltimore, allowed three runs and 10 hits in 6 2/3 innings.

Paxton (5-6) became just the fourth pitcher in big league history to allow a leadoff home run in three straight starts, according to STATS, after Brad Radke (2004), Brandon Backe (2008) and Yovani Gallardo (2017).

DODGERS 4, NATIONALS 2

WASHINGTON — Justin Turner hit a two-out, three-run homer in the eighth inning to lift Los Angeles over Washington in the opener of a three-game series.

After the Nationals had retired 22 straight batters, reliever Tony Sipp (1-2) walked Joc Pederson and then gave up a single to Alex Verdugo before exiting with two outs in the eighth. Kyle Barraclough, who was recalled earlier on Friday from Double-A, came in and immediately gave up the Turner blast to centre field. Turner has 15 homers this season.

Joe Kelly (4-3) retired Anthony Rendon to end the seventh while Kenley Jansen walked home a run before striking out Howie Kendrick with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth to earn his 25th save of the season.

METS 6, PIRATES 3

NEWYORK — Trade candidate Zack Wheeler

Edwards of Kingston, Ont., led Canada with eight points apiece. Brynn Masikewich of Calgary had six points and seven rebounds for Canada.

Rhyn Howard had 14 points for the Americans in the win.

The Americans led 50-16 at halftime and rolled to victory.

Canada fell short of the bronze medal it earned at the last U19 Women's World Cup in 2017 in Italy.

Canada will play a classification game on Saturday against Japan.

The Americans face Belgium and Australia takes on Spain in the semifinals.

Americans have their way in under-19 basketball quarters

The Canadian Press

BANGKOK

Canada lost 81-46 to the United States in quarterfinal action on Friday at the FIBA U19 Women's Basketball World Cup.

Christina Morra of Mississauga, Ont., and Aaliyah