

Stage 2, Victory Park Criterium, 16.5 miles

With just a few hours to recover, the field lined up again for the always popular circuit race around Victory Park in the centre of Girvan. Light but persistent rain had begun to fall shortly before the start and the damp conditions led to a cautious race with riders more concerned about staying upright than making moves off the front.

The enthusiastic crowd which lined the finish cheered them through each time, but it was at the back that damage was being done as riders lost contact with the main bunch. Ben Hallam (Glendene CC) took both Hot Spot Sprint's on offer but Ian Wilkinson also placed consistently and maintained his lead in the Endura/TAL sponsored competition and with it the Green Jersey.

At the bell the Recycling squad moved up to the front and Kristian House secured the victory over his team mate Evan Oliphant who was anxious to make amends for missing the move earlier in the day. With Clayton Barrows again finishing third he ended a successful day at his first Girvan. The sprint victory, and the time bonus it provided, ensured that House took over the yellow jersey of race leader, his advantage standing at 10 seconds over former wearer Robert Partridge.

Sunday sees stage 3- the longest and most testing at just under 100 miles - head out from Girvan for an eventual finish at Minigaff just outside Newton Stewart.