

Ford RideLondon Classique Stage Three post-race quotes

The third and final stage saw the world's best female riders take on an eight-lap circuit around central London and cross the Finish Line on The Mall.

Charlotte Kool (Team DSM, NED), overall winner

She said: "Two stage wins and a GC feels really good. Except for the crash yesterday, it was the perfect three days... Pfeiffer is a really good friend, and we are so close, so she will for sure get some nice presents and I think the whole team deserves that, so this is really a team effort. This gives a lot of motivation towards the next goals, I think we'll recover a bit and then work towards the next goal."

Chloe Dygert (Canyon//SRAM Racing, GER), overall second place

She said: "We pretty much did what our plan was, and so that's probably the most exciting when everything comes together. We work so well as a team and it's just very exciting.

Sprinting is definitely not my biggest strength, and the only way I can win a sprint is if I go a little bit longer... but it was perfect because Maïke [van der Duin] was on my wheel and the plan was to have me go for my long sprint, because that would be more of my strength...but Kool had a better day so props to her."

Britain's Lizzie Deignan (Trek-Segafredo, USA), overall third place

She said: "I was pretty nervous the whole day long, it was very hectic, very stressful, I stayed up right in it, that's a win for me today."

Surprised that she had done so well, she said: "My son's only eight-months-old, it's been a whirlwind. It was phenomenal, I had goosebumps, the crowds were incredible. The speed was intense today, but so was the noise of the crowd and you could really feel there was a great atmosphere."

Pfeiffer Georgi (Team DSM, NED)

She said: "I'm really happy, our plan for the stage was to keep the GC with Charlotte [Kool] and win the stage, and we did both, so we're really happy. The whole team were amazing, the way we controlled the race. Even with the breakaways, there was no stress, we had it all under control. We also knew other teams would help chase. It's massive for Charlotte to win a WorldTour stage race, so really happy for her and all the other girls, so we're going to celebrate tonight."

Hanna Johansson (Team Torelli, IRL), winner of the Queen of the Mountains competition

She said: "I feel very good – I've never been so nervous about not finishing a race before! It was fast and fun – and I was feeling more and more relaxed after every lap."

Eleonora Gasparrini (UAE Team ADQ), winner of the U23 Leader's jersey

She said: "I feel really big emotion, I'm very happy and I have to say thank you to my teammates for all this. We fight until the end and also in the last sprint for the second bonus they helped me in this. We felt in control, we did the first bonus sprint, and I knew that with that I was okay and then the breakaway went out, but it was okay because I already got the

two seconds in the sprint before, and we know also that in the final sprint was not too dangerous for me.”