

Tour de France

Barguil delivers Bastille Day win to France

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FOIX, France — After the setback, the fightback.

The day after losing the Tour de France lead to Fabio Aru, Chris Froome and his Team Sky showed on Friday they still have cards up their sleeves. On the shortest stage of the 104th Tour, barring the two time-trials, Sky brought Mikel Landa into play — sending Froome's Spanish teammate racing off ahead on a fast and furious Stage 13 that became part-chess, part a test of speed and endurance over a close-packed succession of three climbs in the Pyrenees.

End result: Sky has two riders — Froome and Landa — in the top five. From here to the July 23 finish in Paris, Aru will have to watch both like a hawk and not let either race off ahead of him in order to keep the famed yellow jersey.

"It's perfect for us," Froome said.

At just 101 kilometers (63 miles), less than half the distance of some of this Tour's longest stages, the up-down, up-down, up-down route through the Ariège region of mountain cheeses and peak-perched fortresses delivered exactly what Tour organizers were



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France's Warren Barguil, wearing the best climber's dotted jersey, celebrates as he crosses the finish line ahead of second place Colombia's Nairo Quintana, left, and Spain's Mikel Landa, center rear and fourth place, to win the thirteenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 101 kilometers (62.8 miles) with start in Saint-Girons and finish in Foix, France, Friday, July 14, 2017.

hoping for: Full-on racing. They even got a cherry on top, with French rider Warren Barguil winning the stage on Bastille Day — the first tricolor victory on France's national holiday since David Moncoutie in 2005.

"It's incredible," said Barguil, who has recovered remarkably quickly from a pelvis fracture in a crash in April. "I said before the

start it would be good if a Frenchman won. It's exceptional."

The Sunweb team rider sped into the finish in Foix, overlooked by its imposing 11th century castle decorated with a French tricolor of red, white and blue, as part of a four-man group that included Landa, two-time Tour champion Alberto Contador, and Nairo

Quintana, a podium finisher at three previous Tours.

Contador accelerated first in the final sprint, but Barguil reacted immediately and adeptly negotiated the last U-bend on a bridge over the Ariège river, holding off Quintana to the line. Contador placed third. Testifying to the brevity and relentless racing action of the stage, Barguil covered the distance in just

2 1/2 hours, half the time of longer stages with twice as much road to cover.

By finishing fourth in that leading pack that sped in nearly two minutes ahead of a chasing group that included the Tour's top four riders overall — Aru, Froome, French rider Romain Bardet and Colombian Rigoberto Uran — Landa clawed back valuable time in the overall standings. From seventh overall at the start of the stage, Landa is fifth, just 1:09 behind Aru.

The Italian said there won't be a next time that he gives Landa such freedom to escape.

"I knew he would try something," he said. "But I could not chase every single attack. From now he won't get so much room."

Aru stuck to Froome like glue on the stage, showing a cool head and strong legs as he rode much of the way without any teammates, who couldn't stay with the pace of their group. When Froome hared away on downhills, Aru quickly followed in his wheels. With Froome only six seconds behind him overall, the leader of the Astana team knows he can't afford to let the Briton get away from him. The same is true with Bardet and Uran, who are only 25 seconds and 35 seconds back from

the race leader, respectively. The thrillingly tight grouping at the top promises vigorous battles between them in the last week of racing.

"It was a short stage but it was filled with emotions," Aru said. "There were attacks, people tried to attack me several times but I responded every time. I stayed calm and focused. I used my experience."

Aru suffered the blow of losing one of the strongest Astana riders, Jakob Fuglsang, during the stage, the last of two in the Pyrenees. The Danish rider bravely took the stage start with fractures in his left wrist and elbow sustained in a crash earlier in the week. Struggling from the outset, he later abandoned. His departure means Aru will have less support to count on during climbs next week in the Alps, where he could again find himself having to fight off attacks alone.

And having seen its tactics work this time, Sky is already planning its next move to put Froome back in the yellow jersey he held for seven days before Aru took it — with Landa as the team's new joker.

"He's a real threat now for the overall title in Paris," Froome said. "It's a great card for us to play, especially when Astana don't have the numbers to control the race."

Trump visits US Women's Open

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BEDMINSTER, N.J. — Shanshan Feng maintained the lead halfway through the second round of a U.S. Women's Open that got its first visit from a sitting president.

Fresh from a Bastille Day celebration in Paris, President Donald Trump pulled into his Trump National Golf Club around 3:40 p.m. Friday and headed toward his residence on the property, waving from his motorcade as it rolled past the clubhouse.

His arrival caused a temporary delay for players trying to go from hole No. 9 to No. 10, and from No. 18 to No. 1. It was a minor inconvenience in a week where the USGA has been criticized

for holding its biggest event at Trump's course in the wake of his comments about women.

Only three sitting presidents have attended USGA events with Warren G. Harding (1921) and Bill Clinton (1997) going to the U.S. Open.

The biggest problem for the tournament has been the weather. The first round Thursday was delayed for more than two hours by severe weather and 39 players had to return early Friday morning to finish.

Feng opened with a 6-under 66 and had a one-shot lead when the round was over. The 27-year-old from China was still a shot in front after playing her first nine in the second round in 1 under.

Rodgers takes two-stroke lead in John Deere Classic

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SILVIS, Ill. — Patrick Rodgers shot a 7-under 64 on Friday to take a two-shot lead after the second round of the John Deere Classic.

Rodgers had eight birdies and a bogey to finish at 13-under 129 at TPC Deere Run. Finishing on the front nine, he had five birdies in a seven-hole stretch before closing with a bogey on the par-4 ninth.

"It was nice to keep making birdies and keep the gas pedal down," Rodgers said. "It was tricky with some breeze, but I know 13 under is not going to win the golf tournament. So, I got to keep that same mindset for the next two rounds."

Bryson DeChambeau was second after a 65.

Local favorite Zach Johnson, the 2012 winner, had a 67 to join Charles Howell III, the co-leader after the first round, at 10 under. Howell followed his opening 63 with a 69.

Kevin Tway (63), Chesson Hadley (64), Chad Campbell (68) and J.J. Henry (64) were 9 under.

Tway had nine birdies in a 10-hole stretch

en route to the best round of the day.

Hadley is coming off a victory Sunday in the Web.com Tour event in New York.

Rodgers, the 25-year-old former Stanford star who is winless on the PGA Tour, has followed the formula that many players have used to win at TPC Deere Run — converting makeable birdies and largely avoiding mistakes.

Rodgers also made his fair share of tough shots, notably chipping in from 50 feet on the par-3 third hole and holing a 50-foot birdie putt on the seventh hole.

"I put together a really nice round. Was very much in control. Rolled in some nice putts and stayed very patient," Rodgers said.

DeChambeau, who was just above the FedEx Cup playoff cut line entering the weekend, survived a pair of early bogeys to grab second place.

Tway was struggling to stay above the cut line when he went on his birdie binge, making seven in a row at one point. But Tway's tee shot on his 17th hole found the rough and he was forced to settle for a bogey.

Tway's round, the best of his career, was highlighted by a 28-foot birdie putt on the forgiving third hole.

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Errors in the field cost the Diamondjazz dearly, and they gave up four runs with two outs in the bottom of the sixth inning to fall in the opener.

Back-to-back doubles got Redmond going, but with the score still 3-1 it needed help.

It got it when the next batter was hit by a pitch, then an error on a grounder followed by an error on a routine fly tied the score 3-3. A single on the next at-bat put Redmond up.

Beers pitched all six innings and just one of his runs allowed was earned. He struck out five, walked none and gave up five hits.

The Diamondjazz then made four errors in the field in the second game, and Hunsaker was hit hard on the mound allowing eight earned runs on seven hits in three innings.

Sweek highlighted the offense going 2 for 4 with three RBI.

Baseball

MLB AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	51	39	.567	—
Tampa Bay	47	43	.522	4
New York	45	42	.517	4½
Baltimore	42	46	.477	8
Toronto	42	47	.472	8½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	47	40	.540	—
Minnesota	45	43	.511	2½
Kansas City	44	44	.500	3½
Detroit	39	49	.443	8½
Chicago	38	50	.432	9½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	60	29	.674	—
Texas	44	45	.494	16
Los Angeles	45	47	.489	16½
Seattle	44	47	.484	17
Oakland	39	50	.438	21

Friday's Games				
Boston 5, N.Y. Yankees 4				
Toronto 7, Detroit 2				
Seattle 4, Chicago White Sox 2				
Texas 5, Kansas City 3				
Chicago Cubs at Baltimore, late finish				
Minnesota at Houston, late finish				
Cleveland at Oakland, late finish				
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels, late finish				
Saturday's Games				
1:05 p.m.				
Toronto (TBD) at Detroit (Fulmer 9-6), 3:10 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (TBD) at Baltimore (Miley 4-7), 4:05 p.m.				
Minnesota (Santana 10-6) at Houston (Musgrove 4-7), 4:10 p.m.				
Seattle (Hernandez 4-3) at Chicago White Sox (Holland 5-9), 4:10 p.m.				
Texas (Hamels 4-0) at Kansas City (Duffy 5-5), 4:15 p.m.				
Cleveland (Kluber 7-3) at Oakland (Blackburn 1-0), 6:05 p.m.				
Tampa Bay (Cobb 7-6) at L.A. Angels (Ramirez 8-7), 6:07 p.m.				
Sunday's Games				
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 10:05 a.m.				
Chicago Cubs at Baltimore, 10:35 a.m.				
Minnesota at Houston, 11:10 a.m.				
Seattle at Chicago White Sox, 11:10 a.m.				
Texas at Kansas City, 11:15 a.m.				
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels, 12:37 p.m.				
Cleveland at Oakland, 1:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 5:05 p.m.				

N.Y. Mets 14, Colorado 2				
L.A. Dodgers 6, Miami 4				
Washington 5, Cincinnati 0				
Atlanta 4, Arizona 3				
Milwaukee 9, Philadelphia 6				
Chicago Cubs at Baltimore, late finish				
San Francisco at San Diego, late finish				

Saturday's Games				
Chicago Cubs (TBD) at Baltimore (Miley 4-7), 4:05 p.m.				
St. Louis (Lynn 7-6) at Pittsburgh (Taillon 5-2), 4:10 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Nola 6-6) at Milwaukee (Nelson 8-4), 4:10 p.m.				
Washington (Scherzer 10-5) at Cincinnati (Castillo 1-1), 4:10 p.m.				
San Francisco (Bumgarner 0-3) at San Diego (Chacin 8-7), 5:40 p.m.				

Sunday's Games				
Colorado at N.Y. Mets, 10:10 a.m.				
L.A. Dodgers at Miami, 10:10 a.m.				
Washington at Cincinnati, 10:10 a.m.				
Arizona at Atlanta, 10:35 a.m.				
Chicago Cubs at Baltimore, 10:35 a.m.				
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 10:35 a.m.				
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 11:10 a.m.				
San Francisco at San Diego, 1:40 p.m.				

CONCACAF Gold Cup				
Costa Rica 3, 2, 1, 0, 5, 1, 7				
Canada 2, 1, 1, 0, 5, 3, 4				
Honduras 2, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1				
French Guiana 0, 0, 1, 2, 2, 7, 1				

Saturday, July 8				
At Nashville, Tenn.				
United States 1, Panama 1				
Martinique 2, Nicaragua 0				
Wednesday				
At Tampa, Fla.				
Panama 2, Nicaragua 1				
United States 3, Martinique 2				
Saturday				
At Cleveland				
Panama vs. Martinique, 1:30 p.m.				
Nicaragua vs. United States, 4:05 p.m.				

GROUP C							
Jamaica	2	1	1	0	2	0	4
Mexico	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
El Salvador	2	1	0	1	3	3	4
Curacao	2	0	0	2	0	4	0

Sunday, July 9				
At San Diego				
Jamaica 2, Curacao 0				
Mexico 3, El Salvador 1				
Thursday				
At Denver				
El Salvador 2, Curacao 0				
Mexico 0, Jamaica 0				
Sunday, July 16				
At San Antonio				
Jamaica vs. El Salvador, 6 p.m.				
Curacao vs. Mexico, 8:30 p.m.				

MLS EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Toronto FC	11	3	5	38	34	19
Chicago	11	3	5	38	37	19
NYC FC	10	6	3	33	36	24
Atl. United FC	7	3	30	39	27	
Orlando City	8	7	5	29	22	29
Columbus	9	10	1	28	30	32
New York	8	8	2	26	20	25
Philadelphia	6	7	5	23	26	22
Montreal	5	6	6	21	27	29
New England	5	9	5	20	29	31
D.C. United	5	11	3	18	14	31

WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Sporting K.C.	8	4	8	32	25	15
FC Dallas	8	3	7	31	30	18
Houston	8	7	4	28	34	29
Portland	7	7	6	27	34	31
San Jose	7	5	26	22	26	
Seattle	6	7	6	24	25	28
Vancouver	7	7	3	24	24	27
Los Angeles	6	8	4	22	28	32
Real Salt Lake	12	2	20	23	40	
Colorado	6	11	1	19	19	27
Minn. United	5	11	3	18	25	42

Washington 72, Indiana 58				
Chicago 78, New York 68				
Minnesota at Phoenix, late finish				
Martinique 2, Nicaragua 0				

Saturday's Games				
Atlanta at Seattle, 6 p.m.				
Sunday's Games				
San Antonio at Connecticut, Noon				
Washington at New York, Noon				
Chicago at Dallas, 1:30 p.m.				
Phoenix at Minnesota, 4 p.m.				

Tennis Wimbledon				
Friday				
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club				
London				
Purse: \$41.1 million (Grand Slam)				
Surface: Grass-Outdoor				
Singles				
Men				
Semifinals				
Marin Cilic (7), Croatia, def. Sam Querrey (24), United States, 6-7 (6), 6-4, 7-6 (3), 7-5.				
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Tomas Berdych (11), Czech Republic, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (4), 6-4.				
Doubles				
Women				
Semifinals				
Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina (2), Russia, def. Anna-Lena Groenefeld, Germany, and Kveta Peschke (12), Czech Republic, 7-5, 6-2.				