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# FROM THE GIANT OF PROVENCE TO THE COBBLES OF THE CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES, IT'S THE VIRTUAL TOUR DE FRANCE GRAND FINALE



The third and final weekend of the Virtual Tour de France takes us to two of France's icons, Mont Ventoux and the Champs-Élysées. Racing will kick-off tomorrow up the slopes of the Giant of Provence with Tibco-Silicon Valley Bank and NTT Pro Cycling Team prepared to fight to maintain their lead in the GC and protect the yellow jersey. This historic event will round out on Sunday with both pelotons taking on Zwift's newly created Champs-Élysées course, a first seen in the virtual cycling world.



In this final weekend of racing a packed roster of some of cycling's greatest stars will be taking to the virtual startline. Included within the 16 teams lining up over the two days forming the women's peloton there will be Lizzie Deignan, Marianne Vos, Chloé Dygert, Ashleigh Moolman-Pasio, Anna van der Breggen, Kasia Niewiadoma, Katie Hall, Cecilie Uttrup-Ludwig. The men's peloton, made up of 23 teams, will see the likes of Chris Froome, Julian Alaphilippe, Rigoberto Urán, Romain Bardet, Adam Yates, Rohan Dennis, Warren Barguil and Dan Martin fight it out in the French virtual world.



Not only will we see which teams take the overall yellow jersey classification on Sunday, Drops Cycling and Israel - Start-Up Nation will be defending their polkadot jerseys in the K/QOM classifications. Whilst Canyon//SRAM Racing and NTT Pro Cycling Team will be after more sprint points to extend their lead in the green jersey classification. Drops Cycling and NTT Pro Cycling Team will also be looking to maintain their lead in the Young Rider classification.

Here is what the Zwift world has in store for each peloton over this weekend's two stages.

Stage Five: France's TDF 2020 Queen

Date: Saturday 18th July

**Timings:** 

Women's 14:53 CET // 05:53 PDT // 22:53 AUS

Men's 15:58 CET // 06:58 PDT // 23:58 AUS

The penultimate stage includes an early sprint at 7km into the 22.9km race giving the teams chasing green jersey points something to race early on for. Teams wanting to challenge Drops Cycling and Israel - Start-Up Nation for the polkadot jersey will be looking to take the win on this stage with 20 points on the line as well as additional K/QOM points midway before the finish at the famous ski resort of Chalet Reynard.

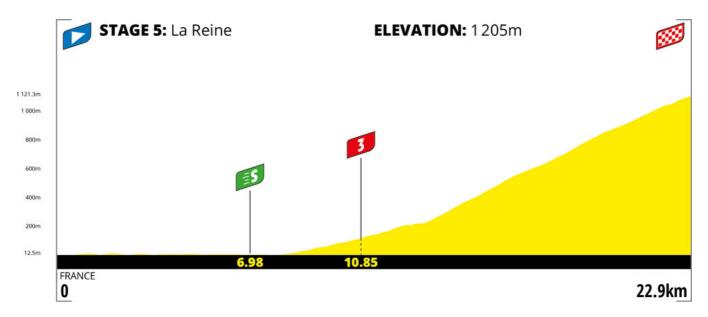
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#### **Start Lists:**

Stage 5 Women

Stage 5 Men

# Course profile



Stage Six: France's Champs-Élysées

Date: Sunday 19th July

**Timings:** 

Women's 14:50 CET // 05:50 PDT // 22:50 AUS

Men's 15:55 CET // 06:55 PDT // 23:55 AUS

Obviously there would be no other place for this Virtual Tour de France to finish than one of the world's most famous boulevards. After 5 stages the race will draw to a close on this sixth stage to a backdrop of the Arc de Triomphe. Expect this stage to be raced full-gas from start to finish, especially by the women's teams wanting to unseat Canyon//SRAM Racing for the chance to take the green jersey classification, with 6 intermediate sprints as well as points on the line. With 50 points available on each stage for first over the finish line the yellow jersey general classification is not a signed deal for Tibco - Silicon Valley Bank and NTT Pro Cycling Team. This first ever Virtual Tour de France will finish just as it started, à bloc!

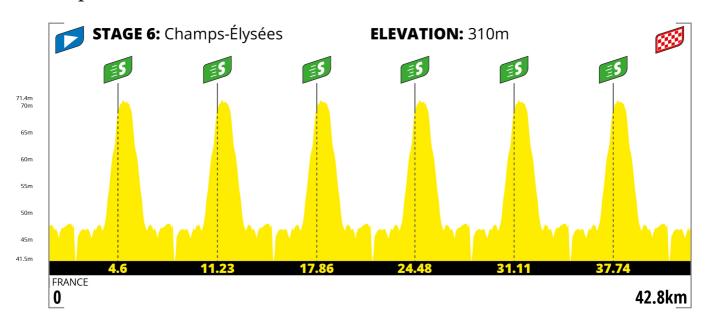
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Stage 6 Women

#### Stage 6 Men

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## **Current Standings**

Overall standings for the Virtual tour de France can be found here

#### **Race images**

Images will be available during both races, both days and will be uploaded in real time during and after the race. For images click here

#### **Post Race Interviews**

To register interest for post-race interviews via Zoom, please contact Hannah Troop

#### Where to watch

A full list of broadcasters for the Virtual Tour de France can be found here

#### **Jerseys and Challenges**

Rules for all Virtual Tour de France race classifications can be found below:



General time classification LCL

First 25 riders score points at the finish. Points are awarded as follows:

Finish: 50 / 40 / 35 / 30 / 27 / 25 / 23 / 21 / 19 / 17 / 15 / 14 / 13 / 12 / 11

/10/9/8/7/6/5/4/3/2/1

The team with the most combined points earns the yellow jersey. Their nominated team captain wears the yellow jersey in the following stage.



General point classification Škoda

Sprint points are awarded at intermediate locations and at the finish of each stage:

Intermediate: 10/9/8/7/6/5/4/3/2/1 Finish: 10/9/8/7/6/5/4/3/2/1

The team with the most combined sprint points earns the green jersey. Their nominated team captain wears the green jersey in the following stage.



Best climber classification E.Leclerc

Points are awarded based on the difficulty of the climb:

Category 1: (Chalet-Reynard Finish / Stage 5): 20 / 18 / 16 / 14 / 12 /

10/8/6/4/2

Category 2: (Epic KOM / Stage 2): 10 / 8 / 6 / 4 / 2 / 1 Category 3: (Remaining K/QOM / Stages 1,3,4,5): 3 / 2 / 1

The team with the most combined points earns the polka dot jersey. Their nominated team captain wears the polka dot jersey in the following stage.



Best young rider classification Krys

First 10 riders born after January 1st, 1995 score points at the finish. Points are awarded as follows –

Finish: 10/9/8/7/6/5/4/3/2/1

Team points are not combined. Each team should align at least one young rider in the roster for each stage to compete for this classification.

# Team classification Namedsport>

The team with the most combined points of all competitions (GC, K/QOM, Sprint, Young Rider, and Most Combative) will have yellow markers on the back of the jerseys. The marker will only be visible in the broadcast of the race, riders in the race will not see the markers.

# Most aggressive rider Antargaz

A Twitter poll conducted during the race will choose the 3 most combative riders of the stage.

Points are awarded as follows: 5 / 3 / 1/

#### **ABOUT ZWIFT**

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