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## American John Murphy Wins Wild West Sprint at Stage 4 of 2017 Tour of Utah

*Britton Retains Yellow Jersey for Overall Race Lead With Three Stages Remaining*



**SOUTH JORDAN CITY (Aug. 3, 2017)** – American John Murphy of the Holowesko-Citadel Racing Team presented by Hincapie Sportswear surged past the field in a wild west sprint finish to win **Stage 4 presented by Workfront** at the Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah. Traversing 125 miles of high desert before a climatic finish in South Jordan City, Murphy crossed the line in four hours and 22 minutes.

On Murphy's wheel for second was Alfredo Rodriguez (MEX) of Elevate-KHS Pro Cycling. Mihkel Raïm (EST) of Israel Cycling Academy finished third. Raïm, who captured the first intermediate sprint in Cedar Fort, takes over the Utah Sports Commission Sprint jersey.

"We had control with 3K (kilometers) to go. Our boys were on the front and it was looking good. We knew that (the finish line) was a long way from the last turn. A little hole opened up in the last 150 meters and I was able to get through it and do my sprint. I'm super happy to win at Utah. This is awesome," said Murphy, a 10-year veteran in the pro peloton.

It is the second stage win for the Holowesko-Citadel team, with Ty Magner (USA) capturing Stage 1 presented by America First Credit Union in Logan. Murphy added, "We were very happy already with Stage 1 with Ty and the yellow jersey, so that's why you didn't see us take control. We gambled a little on today's stage."

Rob Britton (CAN) of Rally Cycling continued for a second day in the Larry H. Miller Group of Companies Overall Leader jersey, finishing safely in the bunch in South Jordan. The overall leaderboard remained unchanged for the General Classification -- Britton retained a 26-second lead over Gavin Mannion (USA) of UnitedHealthcare Professional Cycling Team and a 28-second margin on Serghei Tvetcov (ROM) of Jelly Belly Pro Cycling p/b Maxxis.

Riders in the 124-rider field battled each other and the scalding temperatures through the Rush Valley, passing the Oquirrh Mountains. Dynamic and chaotic racing marked the first hour and a half until the six-rider breakaway was finally established. Two of those riders, Lorenza Rota (ITA) of Bardiani CSF and Gonzalo Serrano Rodriguez (ESP) of Caja Rural-Seguros RGA, jumped from the break with 27 miles in a desperate but doomed dash for victory. The sprinter's teams took over on the two finishing circuits back in South Jordan, with 77 riders in the final bunch sprint. Rota was awarded the Larry H. Miller Dealerships Most Aggressive Rider jersey for his efforts.

sprint. We were coming fast, but with 1K (kilometer) to go, we were 45th position I think. I had good legs for the sprint. Probably I was the fastest guy today, but I wasn't the best. These two guys (Murphy and Rodriguez) were better than me," Raïm added.

Eric Young (USA) of Rally Cycling, who sprinted to two stage wins at this race in 2014 and 2015, was voted America First Credit Union Fan Favorite for Stage 4 presented by Workfront, in the category of Best Sprinter. Jacob Rathe (USA) of Jelly Belly Cycling presented by Maxxis retains the Utah Office of Tourism King of the Mountain jersey and Neilson Pawless (USA) of Axeon Hagens Berman Cycling Team will continue in the WCF Insurance Best Young Rider jersey.

**Stage 5 presented by Zions Bank** returns to Davis County on Friday, Aug. 4 for a third consecutive year. New for 2017 will be an inaugural stage start in Layton. The 112-mile course will roll through Hill Air Force Base for the first time, passing the Hill Aerospace Museum, the largest museum west of the Mississippi River. After two crushing climbs across the Bountiful Bench, each designated with a Utah Office of Tourism KOM, the 4,200-feet of climbing of the stage will end on Main Street in Bountiful.

The Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah continues to be free for all spectators, making professional cycling one of the most unique professional sports in the world today. Fans can follow the race live each day with mobile applications from Tour Tracker powered by Adobe®, as well as live coverage each day on FOX Sports Networks (FS2 nationally).

## RESULTS AND STANDINGS

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### Stage 4 presented by Workfront - Top 10

1. MURPHY John (USA) HOLOWESKO/CITADEL RACING P/B HINCAPIE SPORTSWEAR 4.22'23"
2. RODRIGUEZ VICTORIA Jose Alfredo (MEX) ELEVATE-KHS PRO CYCLING 4.22'23"
3. RAÏM Mihkel (EST) ISRAEL CYCLING ACADEMY 4.22'23"
4. JOYCE Colin (USA) RALLY CYCLING 4.22'23"
5. SIMION Paolo (ITA) BARDIANI CSF 4.22'23"
6. MCCABE Travis (USA) UNITEDHEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL CYCLING TEAM 4.22'23"
7. CASTILLO SOTO Ullis Alfredo ( ) JELLY BELLY P/B MAXXIS 4.22'23"
8. CANOLA Marco (ITA) NIPPO - VINI FANTINI 4.22'23"
9. CÔTÉ Pier-André (CAN) SILBER PRO CYCLING 4.22'23"
10. CALABRIA Fabio (AUS) TEAM NOVO NORDISK 4.22'23"

### GENERAL CLASSIFICATION (After Stage 4) - Top 10

1. BRITTON Robert (CAN) RALLY CYCLING 8.53'32"
2. MANNION Gavin (USA) UNITEDHEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL CYCLING TEAM 8.53'58" +26"
3. TVETCOV Serghei (ROM) JELLY BELLY P/B MAXXIS 8.54'00" +28"
4. MURPHY Kyle (USA) CYLANCE CYCLING 8.54'06" +34"
5. POWLESS Neilson (USA) AXEON HAGENS BERMAN 8.54'10" +38"
6. BOOKWALTER Brent (USA) BMC RACING TEAM 8.54'16" +44"
7. EISENHART Taylor (USA) HOLOWESKO/CITADEL RACING P/B HINCAPIE SPORTSWEAR 8.54'30" +58"
8. CARPENTER Robin (USA) HOLOWESKO/CITADEL RACING P/B HINCAPIE SPORTSWEAR 8.54'31" +59"
9. CLARKE Jonathan (AUS) UNITEDHEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL CYCLING TEAM 8.54'32" +1'00"
10. KUSS Sepp (USA) RALLY CYCLING 8.54'34" +1'02"

## AWARD JERSEYS

- **Larry H. Miller Group of Companies Overall leader** - Rob Britton (CAN), Rally Cycling
- **Utah Sports Commission Sprint leader** - Mihkel Raïm (EST), Israel Cycling Academy
- **Utah Office of Tourism King of the Mountain** - Jacob Rathe (USA), Jelly Belly Cycling p/b Maxxis
- **WCF Insurance Best Young Rider** - Neilson Powless (USA), Axeon Hagens Berman Cycling Team

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**About the Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah**

The Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah, referred to as "America's Toughest Stage Race™," is a week-long, professional cycling stage race for the best men's teams in the world. The 2017 event will be held July 31-Aug. 6. Now in its 13th year, the event was elevated in 2015 as a 2.HC-rated UCI stage race, making it one of the premier events in North America. The 2017 Tour of Utah includes 10 host venues across the state and spans 605 miles of racing and 36,525 feet of climbing. A total of 16 professional men's teams will compete, bringing 126 riders from 26 countries. The Tour of Utah is owned by Larry H. Miller Sports & Entertainment. More information about the Tour of Utah, host venues and professional teams can be found by visiting [www.tourofutah.com](http://www.tourofutah.com), as well as social channels [Facebook](#) (tourofutah), [Twitter](#) (tourofutah), [Instagram](#) (thetourofutah) and [YouTube](#) (tourofutah).

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