

The second stage always provided fascinating spirits during the Tour du Rwanda, and on this Monday February 20th, it produced the unparalleled spectacle after a largely flat and fast terrain.

After launching the sprint to break away from the peloton, Cyclist Ethan Vernon emerged winner of 2nd stage after crossing the finish line from Kigali to Gisagara district (132.9 kilometers).

Eritrean Malueberhan Hanok and Meijers Jeroen of Terengganu Polygon Cycling Team couldn't follow the scorching pace of Vernon but climbed to second and third position respectively.

Hanok who had good legs on the opening stage had finished third while Dutch man Meijers had emerged sixth.

Raisberg Nadav of Israel - Premier Tech managed to cross the finish line in fourth spot while Ryan Raisberg of Bolton Equities Blacks team emerged fifth.

Stage two was also fantastic for Roi Weinberg of the Israel Premier Tech team, who crossed the finish line in sixth place, ahead of Peter Blackmore, Walter Calzoni, Cahyadi Aiman and Thomas Bonnet.

"It's been an incredible experience since I've been here, " he says, there are so many people on the side of the road, so much enthusiasm. I'm having a great time in Rwanda."

South African Marc Pritzen of the EF Education Nippo Development team was climber of the day thanks to a long solo breakaway of 100 kilometres. Before being caught by the peloton with less than 30 kilometres to go, he had an 8 minute lead.

Tomorrow, Ethan Vernon will wear the yellow jersey for the second day in a row during the third stage between Huye and Musanze.

General Classification

VERNON Ethan (SQD) 6h07'22"

MULUEBERHANE Henok (GBF) 6h07'22"

MEIJERS Jeroen (TSG) 6h07'22"

RAISBERG Nadav (IPT) 6h07'22"

CALZONI Walter (QR36) 6h07'22"