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LAFROCE WINS KEMMERER, MALO EXPANDS OVERALL LEAD.

Érick Laforce took the win on the 32-mile Kemmerer stage today edging out current overall leader Anny Malo by 35 seconds. Today's win also brings Laforce within striking distance of current third place musher Diane Marquis. Laforce will now wear the Yellow Bib on tomorrow's 34.6-mile Stage Four in Big Piney / Marbleton, Wyoming.

Meanwhile, Anny Malo gained three minutes and forty-five seconds on Lina Streeper to expand her overall lead to 00:06:10. Malo has been running a level-headed race and was observed running with her drag pad down for most of today's run in Kemmerer. With the reverse starting order, Malo left the chute three minutes behind Streeper this morning, slowly catching up and possibly holding back until the final few miles before passing Streeper. The race for first is still hotly contested and could easily flip if Streeper can put together one or two flawless runs

With Malo / Streeper and Marquis / Laforce working to sort out the top four, Stage Stop veteran JR Anderson is carving out his place in the top five. Anderson has a nine-minute lead on local musher Alix Crittenden from Bondurant who is currently in sixth place overall

With tomorrow's run in Big Piney / Marbleton being the mid-point of the race, any musher thinking of making a move upward in the standings is likely thinking "now or never".

- 1 - Érick Laforce 2:01:09
- 2 - Anny Malo 2:01:44
- 3 - Lina Streeper 2:05:29
- 4 - JR Anderson 2:06:26
- 5 - Diane Marquis 2:07:04
- 6 - Alix Crittenden 2:09:53
- 7 - Bruce Magnusson 2:10:08
- 8 - Elliot Rivest 2:12:36
- 9 - Maria Torgerson 2:15:17
- 10 - Doug Butler 2:18:24
- 11 - Austin Forney 2:21:04

12 - Thad McCracken 2:22:56
13 - Guy Girard 2:23:05
14 - Ryan Beaber 2:24:05
15 - Jake Robinson 2:24:44
16 - Rafael Nelson 2:27:15
17 - Ed Steilstra 2:30:06
18 - Randy Dekuiper 2:35:33
19 - Gwenn Bogart 2:38:42
20 - Tim Thiessen 2:39:37
21 - Laura Neese 2:41:31
22 - Ben Barrett 2:43:30
23 - Chris Adkins 2:46:11
24 - Ken Chezik — WD

From Kemmerer we travel to Big Piney/ Marbleton, Wyoming:

February 2nd — Stage Four - Big Piney / Marbleton, Wyoming

February 3rd — Stage Five - Lander, Wyoming

February 4th — Travel Day —

February 5th — Stage Six - Driggs, Idaho

February 6th — Stage Seven - Teton County, Wyoming

With a total combined payout of \$165,000, the Pedigree Stage Race offers the largest purse in the lower 48, and draws many of the top teams from the United States and Canada.

In conjunction with Angelos Media, the Stage Stop race will be posting daily video updates as well as race commentary, photography, and daily results.

As part of the race organization's comprehensive COVID plan, spectators are not being encouraged at any of the venues. Instead, local as well as global race fans can enjoy extensive race coverage online at www.wyomingstagestop.org or on Facebook.

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