

Stage 4 – 5.2km Time Trial

The race of truth to finish the Tour probably raised some eyebrows when the tour details were first distributed but there could not have been a more appropriate way to separate the leaders on general classification. With only seconds between the top four riders, the tension was palpable as the road bikes were swapped for the sleek time trial conveyances. At only 5.2 kilometres, any misjudged corner or slight drop in intensity may be the difference in winning or settling for second.

In what could only be described as a boil over, Zac Dempster managed to blitz the field and take the win on the stage, however Mark O'Brien, in being second fastest captured the biggest victory of his blossoming career turning a 1 second deficit into a 15 second victory in a little over 5km. Pre-race favourites Pollock and Bradford collected 2nd and 3rd respectively on General Classification, whilst Gerard Murphy took third in stage 4.