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With Alison Jackson's victory, the American team EF Education-Cannondale is in fifth place as a team, just 9 seconds behind the also American team LIDL - TREK.

Alison Jackson (EF Education-Cannondale) has been crowned the exultant winner of the 2nd stage of La Vuelta Femenina by Carrefour.es, a first stage fought in the rain that ended in a somewhat reduced sprint due to the falls caused by the rain in the last three kilometers.

In an exciting day of 118.3 kilometers through the Valencian interior between Bunyol and Moncofa, the Canadian champion, outstanding winner of Paris-Roubaix, emerged victorious in the final sprint. Alison Jackson (EF Education-Cannondale) overtook the Hungarian Blanka Vas (Team SD Worx-Protime), who became the new leader of the race after bonuses, replacing the Italian Gaia Realini (Lidl-Trek).

The day began with a group of six cyclists among whom were the Navarrese Idoia Eraso (Laboral Kutxa-Fundación Euskadi), the Italians Silvia Zanardi (Human Powered Health) and Ángela Oro (Bepink-Bongioanni), the Belgians Valerie Demey (VolkerWessels) and Audrey De Keersmaecker (Lotto Dstny Ladies) and the Frenchwoman Marine Allione (Winspace), who established herself as the leader of the race at kilometer 26 of the stage. Afterwards, the DSM-firmenich postNL team, led by sprinter Charlotte Kool, worked to catch up with the fugitives.

On the ramps of Puerto de l'Oronet there was action with Idoia Eraso attacking and causing a selection in the group. Despite their efforts, the peloton led by Marianne Vos of Team Visma-Lease a Bike neutralized them in Serra, at kilometer 76.

This strong pace also led Charlotte Kool to lose contact with the peloton on the slopes of l'Oronet, for which her teammates had worked to control the breakaway throughout the stage. The peloton, led by Karlijn Swinkels (UAE Team ADQ) who with his attack has ensured leadership in the mountain classification, crowned the Levantine pass with just 45 units, which became selective on a tough day also due to the weather conditions. .

In the final sprint of Moncofa, Alison Jackson took the victory in a final full of falls, beating Blanka Vas. Thanks to the bonuses, Blanka Vas positioned himself as the leader, closely followed by Alison Jackson and Elisa Longo Borghini (Lidl-Trek).

The race will continue on Tuesday with the third stage, made up of 130.2 kilometers of rugged terrain between Lluçena and the city of Teruel. The Alto de Fuente de Rubielos, category 3, will be the only categorized climb, but with more than 2,100 meters of accumulated positive slope, which makes it a very challenging and open day.

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